



## Conexus Nuclear Inc. Expands Membership to Include Research Reactors, Advancing Canadian Nuclear Innovation

**January 19, 2026** – Conexus Nuclear Inc. (Conexus) announced a new membership category designed to foster greater collaboration between nuclear operators and leading research reactors, starting with McMaster University's Nuclear Enterprise.

The new Research Reactor Membership will enable vital participation in Conexus' core programs, opening doors for research institutions, both in Canada and internationally, to contribute to and benefit from industry innovation and best practices.

"We are thrilled to welcome research reactors like McMaster's into the Conexus collaboration community," said Rachna Clavero, President and CEO, Conexus. "This expansion allows for a powerful synergy, leveraging the unique capabilities of research reactors and the operational experience of our existing members to advance the nuclear sector as a whole."

"We're proud to join Conexus in its mission to accelerate nuclear innovation and drive industry excellence," said Susan Tighe, President of McMaster University. "McMaster is ready to support the Conexus nuclear community in tackling key challenges and opportunities, while advancing safe, sustainable and impactful solutions for the nuclear sector in Canada and beyond."



**This new membership unlocks several key benefits:**

- **Enhanced Knowledge Sharing:** Research reactors gain access to the collective knowledge and experience of Conexus members, fostering innovation and problem-solving.
- **Next-Generation Training:** Improved training platforms for Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP) including reactor operators, nuclear engineers, radiochemists, nuclear technologists, and clinical staff to build a skilled workforce for current and future nuclear projects.
- **Support for Current and Future Fleet:** Increased access to clean energy, critical radioisotope production, and neutron beams for research will support both the current and next generation of Canada's nuclear fleet.
- **Cost-Effective Capabilities:** Conexus members will gain access to the specialized capabilities offered by research reactors, opening the door to cost-effective solutions for their projects.

Conexus is committed to driving innovation and excellence within the Canadian nuclear industry and with its international members. This new membership category represents a significant step towards a more collaborative and robust future for nuclear energy and research, both in Canada and around the world.

### **About Conexus**

We are Conexus Nuclear Inc. (Conexus), a Canadian not-for-profit corporation funded by our 11 members in six countries worldwide to achieve excellence through collaboration for CANDU and advanced nuclear technologies. We have a proud, 40+ year legacy as a reliable partner and thought leader for the CANDU industry. Conexus' vision is to be the world's most successful and trusted nuclear collaboration hub – accelerating innovation, enabling growth and driving industry excellence. To achieve this vision, Conexus brings the industry together to solve the most challenging technical problems, realize opportunities, share expertise and operating experience, and support robust regulatory acceptance. We do this through collaboration, which enhances safety and reliability, strengthens human performance, reduces environmental impacts and minimizes risk and cost. Conexus is based in Toronto, Canada. We are a lean, diverse team of industry and subject matter experts with an international network of nuclear researchers, decision makers, operators and utilities, suppliers, industry associations and partners

### **About McMaster's Nuclear Enterprise**

Located in Hamilton, Ontario, McMaster University is among Canada's most research-intensive universities, and the nation's preeminent academic nuclear research institution. The McMaster campus houses a unique suite of world class nuclear research facilities anchored by the McMaster Nuclear Reactor – a multi-purpose research reactor that provides neutrons for medical isotope production and scientific research. McMaster University's nuclear research facilities enable discoveries in medicine, clean energy, nuclear safety, materials and environmental science, while providing cancer treatments for more than 70,000 patients every year.

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