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# Fostering Research Partnerships for Improved Labour Market Integration and Employment of Skilled Immigrants and Refugees in Edmonton, Calgary and Fort McMurray

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- Context and rationale for the study
- Builds on a previous knowledge synthesis study and current research being conducted in partnership with Immigrant Sector Council of Calgary and P2P.
- The goal of this exploratory study is to engage social service and immigrant sector agencies to better understand how labour market integration and employment outcomes can be improved for skilled immigrants and refugees in Alberta.
- This study aims to strengthen and develop research partnerships for a larger study in the future.

The guiding research questions are:

- What employment support programs and services exist to assist skilled immigrants and refugees achieve better labour market integration
- What are the demographic shifts and labour market trends?
- What policy impacts affect labour market integration in Alberta?
- How can immigrant sector agencies work better with employers?
- What employer engagement strategies are effective?
- How is skilled immigrant and refugee integration understood and conceptualized by immigrant sector agencies in Alberta?