

Tuesday, May 26 - T5 Concurrent Session

Plenary Session 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM



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Plenary Panel AI and the Future of Work: Employer Perspectives Across Sectors Presenter(s): Andrea Li (TRU) Paul McGowen (BCLC) Nolan Goddard (Activation Labs) Lena Secord (Dawson Construction) Amanda Taylor (Avanti CPA) Tanith Grose (RBC) Details: Artificial intelligence rapidly reshapes industries, workflows, and hiring practices, what does this mean for the future of entry-level talent and the students we support in making the transition to careers and the workplace? The conference's closing plenary brings together industry leaders from finance, construction, professional services, technology, and human resources to explore how AI is transforming the nature of work, redefining the skills employers value, and reshaping expectations for new graduates entering the labour market. Grounded in the themes of our conference, this candid conversation will have panelists reflect on the growing shift toward skills-based hiring, the evolution of early-career roles, and the perceived disconnect between traditional credentials and the realities of today's workplace. Attendees will hear firsthand how organizations are integrating AI into daily operations, what qualities and capabilities are increasingly setting candidates apart, and where employers see the greatest opportunities and challenges for emerging talent.	