

# Cooperative Libraries & Research Collaboratives

This document consists of a chart that lists all major online libraries, databases, or research collaboratives in North America that host resources that can be used to serve the needs of the post-secondary teaching community. This chart lists the name of the library or research collaborative, the website in which its tools are found, an overview of the organization itself, an overview of the resource(s) it has to offer post-secondary teachers, and the country or region from which the organization resides. It is organized alphabetically.

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<b><u>Library or Collaborative</u></b>	<b><u>Website</u></b>	<b><u>Overview</u></b>	<b><u>Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Country</u></b>
Canadian Co-operative Research Network (CCRN)	<a href="http://ccrn.coop/for-researchers/research-library/">http://ccrn.coop/for-researchers/research-library/</a>	A research partnership started by the Rural and Co-operatives Secretariat in partnership with the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA) and the Conseil canadien de la coopération et de la mutualité (CCCM) engaged the Canadian co-operative research community, now hosted by Cooperatives and Mutuels Canada. CCRN is an online network of cooperative researchers and practitioners.	The CCRN Library hosts 1800 resources and citations across several co-op related subjects. Largely Canadian content.	Canada
The Canadian CED Network (Community Economic Development) – Toolbox	<a href="https://ccednet-rccdec.ca/en/toolbox">https://ccednet-rccdec.ca/en/toolbox</a>	The Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet) is a national member-led organization committed to strengthening Canadian communities by creating economic opportunities that enhance social and environmental conditions. It connects people and ideas for action to build local economies that strengthen communities and benefit everyone.	The CED toolbox offers up websites, publications, case studies, videos, and more in an easy to use format organized by language, format, category, and year. It showcases Evaluation and Social Return on Investment resources, reflections and commentary by staff and members in the blog, “Social Economy Stories” and a National Newsletter. An excellent resource!	Canada
Canadian Social Economy Hub (CSEHub) and the Canadian Social Economy	<a href="http://socialeconomyhub.ca/">http://socialeconomyhub.ca/</a>	Between 2005 and 2011, the Canadian Social Economy Hub (CSEHub) acted as a facilitator promoting collaboration among six regional research centres across Canada and creating opportunities	Offers 3 final books, created from the 6-year research project. Also offers fact sheets with overviews of all research projects from the national research centre and its 6 regional nodes: Quebec, Atlantic, Southern Ontario, Prairies and	Canada

Research Partnership (CSERP)		and exchanges with international networks. CSEHub reached out to practitioners, to researchers and to civil society, through the regional research centres and their community partners. It undertook research as needed to understand and promote the Social Economy tradition within Canada and as a subject of academic enquiry within universities.	Northern Ontario, BC & Alberta, and the North. Altogether, over 400 research products have been created.	
The Cooperative Foundation	<a href="http://thecooperativefoundation.org/">http://thecooperativefoundation.org/</a>	Through its mission to expand and enhance cooperatives through research, teaching, extension, innovation, and development, The Cooperative Foundation remains a vital part of the past and future of cooperation in the United States. The Foundation uses a regional approach to accomplish its mission, with efforts focused in the Upper Midwest states of Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Foundation pursues its mission by sponsoring educational programs, serving as an educational resource, and supporting organizations involved in cooperative education and development.	The “Cooperative Foundation Inventory Study” (tab on website) provides a useful summary of the types of co-op teaching resources available and those that still need creating.	United States

The Cooperative Learning Centre	<a href="http://learningcentre.coop/">http://learningcentre.coop/</a>	In collaboration with the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), the British Columbia Institute for Co-operative Studies (BCICS) has developed the Co-operative Learning Centre (CLC) project. The aim of the project was to create a collaborative online resource for co-operatives, co-op educators, and researchers worldwide.	<i>This resource is no longer under development but still offers some useful content.</i> Under “Co-ops Today” tab, it offers a bit of co-op history and a useful FAQ. Site does not appear to be finished and some links are broken. (Nothing available under “Training”, “Co-op Management”, or “Research” tabs.) Offers a world map featuring plotted co-ops and links to their websites. These co-ops are also listed by theme and by sector.	BC, Canada, & International
Cooperative Studies Collection, USask Library	<a href="https://library.usask.ca/archives/collections/published-works/co-operative-studies-collection.php">https://library.usask.ca/archives/collections/published-works/co-operative-studies-collection.php</a>	<p>The Cooperative Studies Collection at the University of Saskatchewan was originally housed in the Centre for the Study of Co-Operatives Library. It was transferred to USask in 2014.</p> <p><i>This is a physical collection that can be found at the University of Saskatchewan Library.</i></p> <p><i>More recent electronic publications can be found online:</i>  <a href="https://usaskstudies.coop/publications/index.php">usaskstudies.coop/publications/index.php</a></p>	<p>Approximately 6,000 items consisting of a variety of resources including student theses; copies of the Centre’s publications; serials; articles, newsletters, magazines, pamphlets, and short research articles related to co-operatives; audio visual materials; and books. Focusing on the topic of co-operatives from social, political, economic and historical points of view, this collection emphasizes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-operatives societies, their structure, role in society and the community, governance, history, member relations, legal and business aspects</li> <li>- Credit unions and their structure, role and history</li> <li>- Co-operation: philosophy, history, theory, research</li> <li>- Women, indigenous peoples, and other under-represented groups in co-operative societies</li> <li>- Co-operative development</li> <li>- Sustainable rural, economic, and community development</li> </ul>	

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Curriculum Library for Employee Ownership (CLEO)	<a href="http://cleo.rutgers.edu/">http://cleo.rutgers.edu/</a>	Through the collaboration of the Foundation for Enterprise Development (FED), the Employee Ownership Foundation, and the Aspen Institute, CLEO was originally launched in October of 2008.	For eight years it resided at Aspen Institute's CasePlace.org and grew to have more than 700 teaching materials, including videos, cases, syllabi, teaching modules, and reading collections.	United States
Democracy Collaborative	<a href="http://democracycollaborative.org/">http://democracycollaborative.org/</a>	Through our cutting-edge research and our many diverse programs, The Democracy Collaborative works to carry out a vision of a new economic system where shared ownership and control creates more equitable and inclusive outcomes, fosters ecological sustainability, and promotes flourishing democratic and community life.	Go to "Content>Research" for access to some excellent publications.	United States
eXtension	<a href="http://articles.extension.org/">http://articles.extension.org/</a>	Cooperative Extension in the United States is a flagship program for connecting public "land-grant" universities to the public. The goal of the Cooperative Extension System is to move knowledge created by researchers to groups who need it. A major audience has historically been agriculture, but other program areas deal with nutrition, child development, families, the environment and a variety of other issues. <i>eXtension</i> is a membership	An extensive and excellent resource. Features key people, webinars, and other resources in several categories under broader headings: community, disaster issues, energy, environment, family, farm, health and nutrition, lawn and garden, pest management, youth	United States

		organization that serves as an “innovative engine” for Cooperative Extension, sharing tools and resources that enable that enable the Extension workforce to scale up its local and national impact. The flagship program and primary effort of eXtension is the Impact Collaborative.		
European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (Eurisce)	<a href="http://www.euricse.eu/">www.euricse.eu/</a>	Eurisce’s mission is to promote knowledge development and innovation for the field of cooperatives, social enterprises and other non-profit organizations engaged in the production of goods and services. The Institute aims to deepen the understanding of these types of organizations and their impact on economic and social development, furthering their growth and assisting them to work more effectively. Through activities directed toward and in partnership with both the scholarly community and practitioners, including primarily theoretical and applied research and training, we address issues of national and international interest to this sector, favouring openness and collaboration.	Offers overviews and published results of 50+ research projects under the categories of economic theory, innovative models, legal framework, local development, management and governance, measurement and impact, and public policy.  Open access to Eurisce’s central publication, JEOD, The Journal of Entrepreneurial and Organizational Diversity. JEOD seeks to serve as the principal outlet for theoretical and empirical research on the entrepreneurial phenomenon in its myriad of forms.  Offers 150+ publications completed by Eurisce.	Inter-national
Measuring the Cooperative Difference	<a href="http://www.cooperativedifference.coop/">http://www.cooperativedifference.coop/</a>	A 5-year community-university research alliance (CURA) supported by SSHRC led by the Canadian Cooperatives Association in alliance	Offers detailed write-ups of the results of 20+ research projects, dozens of webinars, and a series of co-op impact measurement tools.	Canada

Research Network		with Saint Mary's University, Mount Saint Vincent University, University of Saskatchewan, and University of Victoria and dozens of other co-operative associations, co-ops, credit unions and academic researchers. The Network was committed to conducting research on the social, economic and environmental impact of co-operatives on Canadians and their communities. <i>This network is no longer active.</i>		
Northcountry Cooperative Foundation (NCF)	<a href="http://northcountryfoundation.org/collectingourselves/">http://northcountryfoundation.org/collectingourselves/</a>	Northcountry Cooperative Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides education, technical assistance, services and programs to cooperative organizations. NCF seeks to work with people to build organizations that are enduring, co-ops that serve generation after generation of member-owners.	Offers a curriculum examining the philosophy and practice of cooperation, the meaning of "development" and "entrepreneurship" in their lives, the steps required in starting a cooperative business, and an exploration of organizing people into a Steering Committee and creating a Business Plan.  "Collecting Ourselves" is comprised of 9 full workshops encompassing up to 16 hours of cooperative entrepreneurship training. It was developed for youth (teens to 30s) but is modular and adaptable for most age groups (as well as for identities, experiences, etc).	Upper Midwest, United States
Social Economy Space (SE Space)	<a href="http://msvu.ca/sespace">http://msvu.ca/sespace</a>	A portal for co-operative and social economy research organized by Mount Saint Vincent University using the support of the Canadian Cooperative Research Network (CCRN), Measuring the Cooperative	Offers over 300 direct resources, organized by subject, author, and title and easily searchable by keyword.	Atlantic Canada

		<p>Difference Research Network, the Social Economy and Sustainability Research Network (SESERN). Collects digital documents on co-operatives and the wider social economy, including both academic papers and grey literature and focuses on materials that are relevant to the Canadian experience and highlights work of Canadian researchers.</p>	<p><i>New submissions are welcome by contacting <a href="mailto:coopcura.atlantic@gmail.com">coopcura.atlantic@gmail.com</a>.</i></p>	
<p>USDA Rural Development (United States Department of Agriculture) – “Publications for Cooperatives”</p>	<p><a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/publications-cooperatives">https://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/publications-cooperatives</a></p>	<p>We are committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Through our programs, we help rural Americans in many ways. We offer loans, grants and loan guarantees to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services such as housing, health care, first responder services and equipment, and water, electric and communications infrastructure. We promote economic development by supporting loans to businesses through banks, credit unions and community-managed lending pools. We offer technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations.</p>	<p>Provides many publications, reports and educational materials. These are primarily authored by USDA staff, but include publications by University partners and other cooperative specialists. Publications are grouped into 3 series, Cooperative Information Reports (CIR-series), Research Reports (RR-series), and Service Reports (SR-series)</p>	

More research centres can be found at [s.coop/1wku9](https://s.coop/1wku9)