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Call for Proposals – Reproductive Justice Project

The Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) is a national not-for-profit that works to advance gender equality in Canada through litigation, law reform, and public legal education.

We are funding three research projects to support and inform our law reform efforts in the area of reproductive justice.

Proposals are due by **11:59pm EST on December 12, 2021**. Further information follows.

Please share this call with your networks!

Overview

Number of awards	3
Value	2 at \$5,000 1 at \$2,500
Duration	December 2021 to March 2022
Application deadline	December 12, 2021 (11:59pm EST)
Results announced	By December 17, 2021
Submission instructions	Submit all documents as a single PDF to Kat Owens at k.owens@leaf.ca

Context

Reproductive justice, a term coined by the [Women of African Descent for Reproductive Justice](#) in 1994, is foundational to gender equality and central to LEAF’s mandate.

Reproductive justice requires that every individual be able to make their own choices about their reproductive life, and have access to reproductive health services. It also requires that all people have the ability to raise children in safe and healthy environments. It encompasses not only reproductive rights, but also the social, economic, and political conditions that impact whether and how individuals are able to parent with dignity.

LEAF is starting its Reproductive Justice Project. Through this project, LEAF is looking to develop and advance law reform proposals linked to key reproductive justice issues. We are seeking three researchers to help develop the foundation for these proposals.

Description

All three researchers will be asked to conduct literature reviews on key reproductive justice law and policy issues in specific jurisdictions, and summarize their findings. They will be asked to “issue spot” and provide links to resources.

The scope of the literature reviews are outlined in the chart below:



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Project	Jurisdiction	Issues	Total Length
1	Ontario and Nova Scotia	a. Child welfare	25 to 35 pages
2	Alberta and Manitoba	b. Pay equity	25 to 35 pages
3	Quebec	c. Reproductive services (e.g., abortion, contraceptives, sexual health, assisted reproduction)	12 to 16 pages
		d. Parental rights in queer relationships	

Value and duration

Successful applicants will be awarded \$5,000 (for Projects 1 and 2) or \$2,500 (for Project 3) to complete their research. Reports must be submitted by March 31, 2022.

By applying for this funding opportunity, successful applicants consent to LEAF sharing the resulting work product with other interested organizations and individuals.

Application process

Applicants must submit the following as a single PDF attachment:

- A letter of intent outlining the project(s) applied for, and summarizing the applicant's relevant expertise/experience in relation to the project(s) (maximum two pages per letter)
- Applicant's CV
- A brief writing sample (5-10 pages)

Applicants may apply to be considered for multiple projects, but a maximum of one project will be awarded per successful applicant. Only one letter of intent is required even if applying for multiple projects.

Applicants for Project 3 (Quebec) must be able to conduct legal and policy research in French.

Applications will be accepted by email only. In the subject line of your email application, please reference "Reproductive Justice – Call for Proposals". Applications are to be submitted to Kat Owens at k.owens@leaf.ca, and must be submitted by 11:59pm EST on December 12, 2021.

The successful applicants will be notified by December 17, 2021.

LEAF welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities for all available opportunities. Where possible, accommodations will be made available upon request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

LEAF encourages applications from candidates who reflect the diversity of our communities. We strongly encourage applicants who self-identify as belonging to BIPOC, newcomer, gender diverse, and other equity-deserving groups to apply.



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Contact information

For more information about this funding opportunity, or if you have any accommodation requests related to the application process, please contact:

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