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# CALL/ACBD Research Grant

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## About:

The CALL/ACBD Research Grant was established in 1996 to provide members with financial assistance to carry out research in areas of interest to members and to the association. The Committee to Promote Research manages the grant process, receiving and evaluating applications and making recommendations to the Executive Board for award of the Research Grant.

Applications are normally due the last Monday in February, so that the award money can be disbursed by the end of April. The official announcement of the award winner will be made at the annual CALL meeting in May each year.

The maximum amount of the grant award is \$3,000.

## Criteria:

The criteria used to evaluate Research Grant applications are:

- the applicant must be a member of CALL/ACBD
- applicants may apply individually or in partnership with another researcher
- the proposed research project must promote an understanding of legal information sources or law librarianship. Legal information sources might be assessed as to access thereto, costs thereof, overall quality including authority, accuracy, etc. Alternatively the project might encompass a comparative analysis of similar sources; critical analysis of content, format, access, etc.; a bibliometric analysis, or bibliographic development. Law librarianship might be analyzed from the point of view of management, services, or related issues such as copyright, technology, etc. *Funding is available for ongoing projects that fall within guidelines.*
- the application shall include a description of how the monies granted will assist the recipient. Admissible requests include research assistance, online costs, compensating time off, purchase of software, travel, clerical assistance, etc.
- if applicable to the proposed research (for example, if it involves humans), each applicant shall include a certificate of completion from the Panel on Research Ethics online tutorial found at: [https://ethics.gc.ca/eng/education\\_tutorial-didacticiel.html](https://ethics.gc.ca/eng/education_tutorial-didacticiel.html)

The final decision to award the research grant will be made by the CALL/ACBD Executive, based on the recommendation of the Committee to Promote Research.

Previous applicants who were not awarded funding are welcome to reapply.

## Information for Recipients of the Grant:

- the research is to be completed within two years of receipt of the award
- a progress report is to be submitted to the Committee after one year, to be forwarded to the Executive.
- on completion of the research, the researcher shall submit a written report or presentation to CALL/ACBD. Publication in some reputable journal such as Canadian Law Library Review, or electronic publication on CALL/ACBD's web site, or some other web site, is desired.



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- grant recipients, when submitting an article for publication, or presenting their research at the CALL/ACBD Conference, are asked to acknowledge the financial support of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries.

If the recipient is unable to meet the conditions, the grant money is to be returned to CALL/ACBD.

The Committee shall post notices of research in progress and completion of the project on the CALL/ACBD web site.



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## APPLICATION FOR CALL/ACBD RESEARCH GRANT

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated Start and  
Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please attach the following to the Application:

1. Resume(s) of applicant(s)
2. Project Proposal  
This should provide a clear description of what you wish to accomplish in the given time. Outline the research strategies and the method of analysis you will use.
3. Time line with tasks and estimated completion dates
4. Proposed Budget  
Provide a detailed description of how the funds will be spent. Possible expense categories include:
  - salary for research or clerical assistance
  - online costs
  - travel
  - supplies
  - compensating time off

To apply for this research grant please submit an application (above) outlining the proposed project, the amount of money requested and a brief budget setting out how the funds will be spent. Please follow the format of the application form. Applicants should be prepared to demonstrate that they have completed a preliminary investigation as to the feasibility of their proposed project (for example, undertaken a literature search for similar studies).

Please email the completed application and attachments to:

**Christine Brown, Co-Chair**

CALL/ACBD Committee to Promote Research

Email: [christine.brown@ualberta.ca](mailto:christine.brown@ualberta.ca)

Or

**Beth Galbraith, Co-Chair**

CALL/ACBD Committee to Promote Research

Email: [bgalbraith@cwilson.com](mailto:bgalbraith@cwilson.com)

**Past Recipients:**

The decision to award funding for the following CALL/ACBD research grants is made by the CALL/ACBD Executive Board, based on the recommendation of the Committee to Promote Research.

- 2021**      **Hannah Steeves**  
Canadian Legal Research Skills: A Practical Approach
- 2020**      No award given
- 2019**      No award given
- 2018**      **Megan Siu**  
Accessing Legal Information as a Self-Represented Litigant in Rural Alberta (award declined)
- 2017**      No award given
- 2016**      **Soojin Kim**  
The Open Access Impact on Legal Scholarship
- 2015**      No award given
- 2014**      **Greg Wurzer**  
Early English Law Reporting and the Beginnings of the Use of Precedence and Headnotes in English Law Reports (published as "The Legal Headnote and the History of Law Reporting")
- 2013**      **Tim Knight and Sarah Sutherland**  
Exploring the Linked Data Application of KF Modified Classification
- 2012**      **Kim Nayer**  
Resource-Sharing Options for Canadian Law Libraries (presented as "Resource-Sharing: Where Do We Go Now?")
- 2011**      No award given
- 2010**      **David Michels**  
Assessing Legal Research Skills within the Information Literacy Framework (published as "Assessing Legal Research Skills Within the Information Literacy Framework")
- 2009**      **Mary Hemmings**  
Legal Visual Semiotics: Eighteenth Century Satirical Prints as Primary Sources (published as "Make 'em Laugh: Images of Law in Eighteenth Century Popular Culture")
- 2008**      **Nancy McCormack & Nicole Eva**  
The Pursuit of Happiness: Job Satisfaction in Canadian Law Libraries (published as "If You Could Do It All Again: Job Satisfaction and Law Library Workers in Canada")
- John Papadopoulos**  
Canadian Current Index to Legal Periodicals
- 2007**      **Kirsten Wurmman**  
The Role and Impact of Librarians in the History and Development of Public Legal Education in Canada (published as "Public Legal Education Bibliography")

- 2006**      **Nancy McCormack and Pamela Haley**  
Beyond Print – Media Collections for Law (published as "Beyond Print - A Survey of Educational and Documentary Film Collections in Canadian Law Libraries")
- Sonia Poulin**  
Comparative review and Assessment of Academic Legal Research Courses in Canada and Abroad
- 2005**      **Michael Lines**  
Thesaurus of Civil Justice Terminology - Sources, data Collection and Technology
- 2004**      **Simone Clermont**  
To continue her work on the bibliography of Common Law Materials Written in French. Awarded in October 2004.  
No applications received for the March 2004 deadline
- 2003**      None awarded  
No applications received for the March 2003 deadline  
Two applications received for the October 2003 deadline
- 2002**      **Greg Wurzer, Rhonda O'Neill and Aleksandra Zivanovic**  
To continue their research "Electronic Citators: Their Accuracy and Efficiency".
- 2001**      **Tim Knight**  
"The Future of KF Modified in Canadian Law Libraries."
- 2000**      None awarded  
One application received
- 1999**      **Ted Tjaden**  
The Education of Law Librarians
- Ann Rae**  
Preserving Legal Treatises and Monographs
- 1998**      **Jane Parkinson**  
The Age of Cited Decisions
- Jann Lynn-George**  
Survey of Supreme Court of Canada Practice on Citation of Authorities in s. 1 Charter Decisions since 1982  
This is the first year that the Research Grant was awarded  
5 applications received