

Small Grants Program - General guidelines

The Centre for Human Rights Research (CHRR) invites proposals for its Small Grants program from University of Manitoba faculty members who want to explore new collaborative and interdisciplinary research projects. CHRR's Small Grants program may be able to help you get a research project off the ground by connecting you to other researchers and/or community groups, providing organizational or administrative assistance, and offering startup financial support.

Eligibility Criteria

- This program focuses on **new research projects**.
- You must be on **faculty at the UM**.
- Priority will be given to **pre-tenure faculty**.
- Priority will also be given to research projects that fit in one of the CHRR's four focus areas: Borders and Human Rights; Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights; Water Rights and Justice; Reproductive and Bodily Justice.

Feel free to email the CHRR to discuss a proposal prior to submission.

Amount

We anticipate small grants of \$500 - \$2,500. Funds may be used to cover such expenses as student research assistant wages, travel to meet with a research partner, or focus group expenses. Funds are not intended to support bringing in speakers, dissemination of research (such as publication support or conference travel) or academic programming.

How to Apply

Complete and submit the form below along with your CV or webpage to Pauline.Tennent@umanitoba.ca.

Deadline: November 17, 2025

Evaluation criteria:

- alignment with CHRR mission;
- evidence of collaboration across disciplines;
- intention to use this project as a springboard for applying for larger grants;
- our capacity to meet your needs; and
- feasibility of the proposed project.

Successful applicants must:

- To receive any money awarded by CHRR, you must contact Office of Research Services (ORS) to set up a research fund. ORS will require a signed Funding Application Approval Form (FAAF) available via UM Intranet, the original proposal, CHRR's funding confirmation letter and any applicable ethics approvals.
- Remind ORS to contact Research Accounting to allocate a Fund number, which will be in a format like this: 3XXXXX XXXXXX 2000. Once you have the fund number, forward it to the CHRR manager and ask them to confirm to research accounting that they can transfer the funds. Note that any funds not transferred by Mar. 31 may need to be forfeited by the applicant.
- Provide a short title and 50-100 word description of the project to use on the CHRR website and in promotional and reporting materials.
- Meet with CHRR director Adele Perry at the start of the project to work out details of CHRR's role.
- Submit a short report to the CHRR on how the funds were used.
- Return any unused funds to CHRR.
- Acknowledge the Centre for Human Rights Research, University of Manitoba as a funder in any resulting research publications and in any event promotional material related to the research.