



## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS – POLICY RESEARCH GRANT (up to \$5,000)**

### **General Description**

The Trustees of the National Association of Women and the Law Charitable Trust for Research and Education wish to encourage and support the development of educational papers on legal issues that affect women, whose interests are often excluded from public policy discussions, for possible use by women's equality seeking organizations.

Canadian feminist legal researchers undertake research programs of enormous interest and importance to all Canadians. However, often that work is published in journals that are not accessible to the public. This grant will assist independent researchers and academics build on their current research agendas by providing recipients with an honorarium or funds to hire a research assistant to carry out feminist legal research related to the preparation of a paper that can be used by organizations and individuals with an interest in current legal policy issues that affect women.

Papers should be no more than 8,000 words (30 pages) including notes and bibliography and should follow the format of NAWL's past policy briefs, available for review on the NAWL website ([www.nawl.ca](http://www.nawl.ca))

Papers must be original and not have been published anywhere else in the past.

### **Application Instructions**

#### **Part I: Applicant Information (Attached Page)**

Please complete the application information cover page at the end of these instructions and send it, your application and a current curriculum vitae by email to:

Pamela Cross, Director of Strategic Planning, National Association of Women and the Law  
[pcross@xplornet.com](mailto:pcross@xplornet.com)

#### **Part II: Law Reform Research Details (2 – 3 Pages)**

Please provide the information listed below, as concisely as possible in narrative form on numbered pages.

### *A. Law Reform Research Project Description*

In this part of your application, please use the following to guide your description of your paper.

- Provide a detailed description of your research focus
- Indicate why the legal policy research is needed at this time
- How does this research affect women?
- How will you integrate this policy research into your larger research agenda?

### *B. Integration with NAWL's Mission and Vision*

How does the policy research for which you seek funding relate to NAWL's mission and principles, set out below?

#### **Mission**

NAWL works through law reform to achieve substantive equality and the realization of human rights for all women in Canada.

#### **Principles**

NAWL recognizes that women's experience of inequality is systemic and reflects overlapping and intersecting forms of discrimination based on race, class, sexual orientation, disability, age, language and other characteristics.

NAWL works to end racism and colonialism, remove barriers faced by women with disabilities and oppose all other forms of oppression and discrimination.

NAWL works to ensure women's economic and social security by advocating for social justice and the meaningful participation of women in Canadian society and in the decisions that affect their lives, families and communities.

NAWL is committed to eliminating all forms of violence against women and children, and to ensuring reproductive choice for women.

NAWL is a collaborative women-centered organization that strives to be regionally representative, bilingual, and genuinely representative of marginalized women.

NAWL engages in well-reasoned, informative, innovative research, lobbying and popular education on issues relevant to women's lives and experiences.

In developing its policies and positions, NAWL applies an integrated feminist analysis that reflects its commitment to ending all forms of discrimination against women.

NAWL is committed to working collectively and in coalition with other groups to dismantle barriers to all women's equality.

### **Part III: Financial Details (1 page)**

The grant is designed primarily to support the recipient with an honorarium or funds to hire an assistant to help with her research agenda as it relates to the identified topic; however, some other expenses may be considered appropriate.

Successful applicants will receive half of the grant money at the time the Letter of Agreement is signed and the remaining half when a paper has been submitted that is deemed by the Selection Committee to meet the terms and conditions contained in the Letter of Agreement.

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions about the grant application, please contact:  
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613-382-8573



**Part I – Applicant Information Sheet** *Please attach as the cover page of your application.*

Name of Applicant:		
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City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Fax:	Position:	
Telephone:		
E-mail:		
Name of Project:		
Start Date:	End Date:	
Please describe your project /program succinctly (2 sentences or less):		
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For more information, contact:  
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