



# **CHARLES D. GONTHIER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

**2025**

Environment and the Law

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**Information and Application Form**



49TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Environment and the Law

OCTOBER 28-30, 2025  
VANCOUVER

Each year, CIAJ supports research on a fundamental issue related to its annual conference. In 2025, the **\$9,000** Charles D. Gonthier Research Fellowship will focus on the theme of “[The Environment and the Law](#)”, echoing the theme of our 49th annual conference.

Open to **faculty and graduate students at Canadian universities**, the fellowship is designed to encourage innovative research that will shed light on the links between justice and contemporary environmental challenges.

## About the Annual Conference

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CIAJ’s 49th Annual Conference on Environment and the Law will critically examine the intersection of environmental crises, legal implications, and human rights. Vital to the discussion will be the issues of climate change refugees, immigration, land rights, and Indigenous people. The conference’s inclusive and multidisciplinary approach provides a platform for amplifying the voices of individuals and groups most affected and marginalized by environmental issues. This conference will foster dialogue aimed at understanding and addressing these issues, encouraging participants to contribute to crafting

forward-thinking solutions. Together, we will explore the means to shape a legal environment that respects human rights, acknowledges the reality of environmental crises, and work toward a more sustainable and equitable future.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE  
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# About Charles D. Gonthier Research Fellowship

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***CIAJ provides funds for the Charles D. Gonthier Research Fellowship, named in honour of the late Mr. Justice Charles D. Gonthier of the Supreme Court of Canada, a former President of CIAJ.***

The **\$9,000 Fellowship** was created in 2001 and supports research in relation to the topic of the annual conference.

Each conference focuses on a specific aspect of CIAJ's themes:

- Justice as a humanistic and social value
- Justice as a public service
- Justice in a global economy and interdependent world

## ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

The funds are administered by CIAJ on behalf of the successful applicant and are available to support research assistance or other out-of-pocket expenses, but may not be used as an honorarium. It is expected that the completed research will be presented at CIAJ's 48th Annual conference in October 2024 (Winnipeg, MB).

The maximum amount of the Fellowship is \$9,000. The selection of the project for the research fellowship will be made by a committee composed of the President of the CIAJ (or his/her nominee), one of the Co-Chairs of the Education and Research Planning Committee, and one other person selected by the Executive Committee.

<https://ciaj-icaj.ca/fr/recherche/bourse-de-recherche-charles-d-gonthier/>

## WHY SHOULD YOU APPLY?

- Contribute to an essential reflection on environmental crises, legal implications, and human rights.
- Take part in a national discussion that will bring together researchers, judges, lawyers, decision-makers and civil society players.
- Present your results in a recognized academic setting and publish your work in a specialized journal.

## HOW TO APPLY

- Application Deadline: June 30, 2025
- Fill in the form on the last page and e-mail it to [ciaj@ciaj-icaj.ca](mailto:ciaj@ciaj-icaj.ca).
- The recipient will be informed at the end of August and will have to submit his/her report by the end of September 2025.

## NOTES

- The recipient of the Charles D. Gonthier Research Fellowship is encouraged to seek publication of the paper in a reputable scholarly publication and to indicate, in an introductory note, that financial support for the research was provided by CIAJ.
- In addition to submission of a completed research report, CIAJ expects to receive a complete account of expenditures.

DECADES OF EXCELLENCE

# CIAJ IN 2025

Imagine a space where the complex challenges of the Canadian justice system are not only analyzed but where concrete solutions emerge.

This is what the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) is all about. Since 1974, CIAJ brings together individuals and institutions from diverse expertise **to improve the administration of justice across Canada.**

## OUR MISSION

To promote excellence in justice through knowledge, learning and the exchange of ideas..

CIAJ acts as **a conduit for change.** Our **multidisciplinary** approach enables us to **break down silos** and **mobilize diverse perspectives** to develop concrete solutions tailored to the **real needs of the Canadian population.**

## COMMUNITY

JUDGES, LAWYERS,  
LEGISLATIVE DRAFTERS,  
INDIGENOUS ELDERS,  
ACADEMICS,  
POLICYMAKERS, SOCIAL  
WORKERS, LAW  
ENFORCEMENT...

Join us and our members in shaping the future of justice.



**+10 000**

Subscribers

**+2 600**

Members

## PROGRAMS



**+2 000**

Program participants in judicial and non judicial activities and conferences.



**+300**

Speakers and subject matter experts



**+40**

Programs, in person and online  
CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIUM, ROUND TABLES, SUMMITS,  
SPECIALIZED SEMINARS, WEBINARS, CUSTOMIZED  
TRAINING COURSES...

## INDEPENDENT & PAN-CANADIAN



CIAJ is a multidisciplinary, independent, pan-Canadian, not-for-profit network across Canada.

## IN ALL FAIRNESS

A podcast channel to explore ways of improving the administration of justice in Canada.



**50 039**

Downloads of our podcasts.



**#CLAWBIES 2023**

Best Podcast Award

## BLOG POSTS



**+120**

Blog posts and expert analysis to contribute to a more efficient justice system.

**More than an event organizer, CIAJ is a driving force for change, building bridges where none existed before, for a justice system that reflects our society.**



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# Planting the Seeds of Justice

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CIAJ is an independent, non-profit organization that links individuals and institutions involved in the administration of justice across Canada.

Since its founding in 1974, CIAJ has taken a critical look at our justice system and explored current issues aimed at improving the administration of justice and preserving a strong and independent judiciary.

In collaboration with governments, courts, tribunals, professional associations, law schools, and law firms, CIAJ sponsors and conducts multidisciplinary conferences, specialized seminars, tailored training sessions, national discussions on major issues, and prepares comprehensive papers and reports. Our services are offered in both official languages.

## **JOIN CIAJ: DEVELOP YOURSELF, SHAPE A BETTER WORLD, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Become a member of CIAJ and benefit from cutting-edge training and research programs, connect with key players in the system, and contribute to improving the Canadian justice system. As a member, you'll also enjoy exclusive benefits such as discount on every in-person program, free webinars and the accumulation of CPD hours.

### [JOIN CIAJ](#)



## **CONTACT US**

Please contact us for more information about our organization, the benefits of membership and how you can assist us with our mission.

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# CHARLES D. GONTHIER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

## Application Form

### Part A: The Researcher

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**First name:**

**Last name:**

**Address:**

**City/Province:**

**Postal code:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Academic and Research Qualifications:** Provide a resume, no longer than 10 pages.

### Part B: The Research Project

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**Title of the Project:**

**Outline of the Project:** Provide details with respect to the scope and methodology of the project, as well as the significance of the project for the CIAJ. In particular, identify whether this project is part of a larger, ongoing project; and if so, identify research funding already received. Information about the research project should be provided in a *maximum* of 5 pages.

### Part C: Budget

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**Proposed Expenses:** Provide information about the nature and timing of expenses in relation to the project.

**Date:**

**Signature:**

Please send your complete application documents to [ciaj@ciaj-icaj.ca](mailto:ciaj@ciaj-icaj.ca).