



# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## Funding to Advance the Protection of Investor Rights in Canada



The Law Foundation of Ontario invites applications from across Canada to the Access to Justice Fund (ATJF) in the area of investor rights.

This initiative provides a unique and exciting opportunity to advance the protection of investor rights through innovative projects.

### Call for Applications

- › This is a **national call**
- › Applications are welcome from **non-profit organizations from across Canada**
- › Collaborations among organizations with **different areas of expertise** and from **different areas of the country** are encouraged

### Types of Projects Eligible

The call is for innovative projects that advance the protection of investor rights, in particular their legal rights.

Many ordinary Canadians invest in the market to provide needed income, but they may lack financial literacy or expertise and require information and protection when navigating the often complex investment landscape. Without adequate information and protection, the rights of retail investors, especially the most vulnerable, may be compromised.

## Acceptable Types of Proposals

Include (but are not limited to):

- › Objective research regarding investor behaviour, preferences and biases, the results of which can be used, for example, to inform legal education programs or to support regulatory reform aimed at protecting investor rights
- › Projects that evaluate how effective current investor education initiatives are in advancing the protection of investor rights
- › The development and delivery of investor education related to the exercise of legal rights based on best practices
- › Investor education or other projects that help avoid investment fraud especially with respect to vulnerable groups (such as seniors)

## Grant Amounts

An applicant may apply for a maximum of up to \$100,000 in a single grant application. A single application may request more than one year of funding. For example, an applicant may apply for a grant to cover a two-year project up to a total grant amount of \$100,000.

## Application Deadlines

There is a two-stage application process:

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| <b>Stage 1</b> | <b>Letter of Intent</b><br>Download the application form from <a href="http://www.lawfoundation.on.ca">www.lawfoundation.on.ca</a><br><b>Deadline: November 30, 2015</b><br><i>(Letters received after this date will not be accepted.)</i> | <b>Stage 2</b> | <b>Full Application</b><br>– By invitation only |
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## For More Information

Visit [www.lawfoundation.on.ca](http://www.lawfoundation.on.ca) or contact Kathryn Hunter, ATJF Grants Officer at 416-598-1550 ext. 318 or [khunter@lawfoundation.on.ca](mailto:khunter@lawfoundation.on.ca)