



Law Commission of Canada

Call for Proposals

Intergenerational Conversations in Law: Marking the 10th Anniversary of the TRC Calls to Action

September 2025

2025 represents the 10th anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action and Final Report, released in June and December of 2015, respectively. This year also marks the 25th anniversary of the Law Commission of Canada's *Restoring Dignity* report, which suggested that the creation of "Truth Commissions" was one of the possible responses to investigate cases of abuse that affected whole communities and people, and which caused significant intergenerational harm.

To mark the occasion, the LCC will support a series of intergenerational conversations between current law students and Elders or other experts in Indigenous legal traditions, hosted by Canadian faculties of law. These conversations will take place over the course of the 2025-2026 academic year. Support will take the form of a financial contribution of \$5,000 CAD to the host institution.

The intergenerational conversations will have three primary components:

- 1) The evolution of Indigenous legal traditions and Indigenous legal orders in Canada over the course of the Elder's lifetime, namely in the lead up to the TRC;
- 2) Progress in the 10 years since the TRC; and
- 3) Ongoing challenges and opportunities looking ahead to the next generation.

The conversations should be led by a small group of law students posing questions that will explore these components, while the Elder or expert would offer their reflections, knowledge, experience and stories.

Following the conversation, the participating law students will draft a short reflection paper of 1,000 to 1,250 words setting out lessons learned, questions, and hopes for the future flowing from the exchange. These reflection papers will be published on the LCC website, included as items in the quarterly LCC Bulletin, and circulated across the Commission's network.

The LCC invites the submission of proposals from interested partners by **6 October 2025**.



Proposals & Selection Parameters

To be considered, proposals should clearly describe in 2-3 pages:

- ***Interlocutors for the intergenerational conversation***
 - Preference will be given to proposals involving participation by Indigenous law students or students belonging to the faculty's Indigenous law students' association.
- ***Venue and audience***
 - Preference will be given to proposals contemplating broad participation (e.g. invitation to all law students, the university's general student body, and/or members of the local community).
- ***Multimedia components***
 - Preference will be given to proposals featuring video or audio recordings of the exchange, as well as the host institution's intent to use its own channels to promote and broadcast the initiative.
 - Note that if no multimedia component is contemplated, the LCC will expect a written transcript, edited for clarity and length.
- ***Faculty oversight***
 - Preference will be given to proposals demonstrating an institutional capacity and interest in providing support and supervision for the planning and administration of the conversation.
- ***Tentative date***
 - Preference will be given to conversations taking place prior to 31 March 2026.
- ***Expected contribution***
 - Preference will be given to proposals setting out the ways in which the conversation will honour the legacy of the TRC, promote intergenerational learning, contribute to reconciliation through dialogue, give prominent of place to Indigenous voices, and foster cultural awareness and competency in law.

Process

Proposals should be submitted by email to projects-projets@lcc-cdc.gc.ca before **6 October 2025**. Successful proponents will be notified within 14 days.

If the proposal is accepted, the host institution will be responsible for the administration of the financial support provided by the LCC. This might include honoraria or travel costs for Elders, paid student assistance, audio-visual support, promotional materials, or venue costs.

Questions should be directed to projects-projets@lcc-cdc.gc.ca.