

## 2020 AFCC Ontario Call for Research Proposals

### Application Guide

**The proposal must address the following:**

- Project Summary (500 words max.)
- Rationale/Background for the project (500 words max.)
- Project description and timeline (500 words max.)
- Partnerships and collaborations (500 words max)
- Budget
- Other funding sources or in-kind contributions

### Evaluation Rubric for Proposals

CRITERIA	WEIGHT
<p><b>Relationship to Identified Themes/Family Justice in Ontario</b>                      The project relates to at least one of the three priority themes identified by the AFCC Ontario Membership: (1) Families experiencing high conflict in co-parenting, (2) Parent-child contact problems, and (3) Family court service innovations.</p>	5%
<p><b>Foundation and Feasibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal demonstrates an understanding of the trends and changes that have occurred in the Ontario and Canadian landscapes for families experiencing separation and divorce.</li> <li>• The proposal provides a summary review of relevant scholarship.</li> <li>• The proposal provides a rationale and evidence that there is a need for the project.</li> <li>• The proposal demonstrates capacity and experience in delivering projects of similar scale and cost.</li> <li>• The implementation plan includes realistic timelines, including review by relevant governance structures and ethics review boards, where required. <u>The timeline does not exceed 18 months to 2 years.</u></li> <li>• The project identifies possible risks and appropriate mitigation strategies.</li> <li>• The budget is reasonable and aligns with project description, activities, deliverables and expenses.</li> <li>• The researcher (or team) has the capacity to complete the project on the timelines proposed.</li> <li>• There is a plan to ensure sustainability of the project’s outcomes following project completion and after funding from AFCC Ontario ends.</li> </ul>	40%
<p><b>Approach/Methodology</b></p>	30%

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where appropriate, the project draws from evidence-based models and the available empirical literature</li> <li>• Key components of the project are outlined and described.</li> <li>• The project includes clear activities and outputs to demonstrate how the project will impact Family Justice in Ontario</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Quality of the proposal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal is written so that a person with limited or no prior knowledge of the subject may make an informed judgment as to the scholarly merit of the project.</li> <li>• The proposal clearly describes what is intended by the Principal Investigator (PI), how the PI intends to reach objectives, and anticipated implications of the project’s findings.</li> <li>• The proposal clearly describes the application of a sound methodology.</li> <li>• When the research requires statistical analyses, procedures are specified AND are linked to the research questions/hypotheses being investigated.</li> </ul>	20%
<p><b>Reporting</b></p> <p>The proposal includes a plan for information sharing and accountability to the AFCC Ontario research committee, AFCC Ontario Board of directors, and eventually the broader AFCC Ontario membership community through a presentation at the annual conference (usually held in mid to late October).</p>	5%