

# 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal

**Human Rights Research and Education Centre**

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The logo features two overlapping circles. The larger, outer circle is a light teal color. The smaller, inner circle is a darker teal color. Inside the inner circle, the text "CREDP" and "HRREC" are stacked vertically in white, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of this text, separated by a thin white vertical line, is a large white number "40".

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## HUMAN RIGHTS NOW

### **The Moment.**

Our world faces critical issues in an ever-evolving environment. We cannot ignore the troubling decline of democracies with restrictions on liberties and fundamental freedoms around the world as well as increasing inequalities. And we cannot turn away from the moral imperative to help. Old conflicts and new threats exacerbate insecurities as climate change and the persistent Coronavirus pandemic have altered our priorities and pose grave challenges to all, making clear the imperative to realize human rights both at home and abroad. It is our vital interest and the right thing to do.

For 40 years, the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) has brought together educators, researchers, practitioners and students to explore and promote human rights in our complex, interconnected world. It has informed our communities about existing issues from a human rights perspective and educated future leaders to explore and deal with the pressing issues of the day and with emerging challenges.

Created in 1981, the first in North America, the HRREC is centrally located in the nation's capital and benefits from its bilingual, pluri-juridical, multicultural, diverse, and inclusive environment. From its initial endeavour, the work of the HRREC continues to be essential to better understand, advance, and support human rights in Canada and the world. Spurred by the patriation of Canada's Constitution, the HRREC contributed to the protection of human rights as a core element of Canada's constitutional order through the Charter of Rights and Freedoms proclaimed in 1982.

### **What We Will Do.**

We will reach further to serve and support the needs of today's and tomorrow's students and community partners—with increased and enhanced programme offerings, advocacy with global impact, and more intensive training to inspire, equip and benefit our community, country and many beyond.



Our vision is to promote human rights across and beyond the university through a dynamic and rigorous action-research approach that adds value to national progress and global developments on human rights through the original research and outreach activities of our members and partners.

## **We 'REACH'** **Research, Educate,** **Advocate & Convene** **for Human rights**



By building on links with relevant actors in government, civil society, Indigenous peoples and academia for events, knowledge exchanges, research projects and other initiatives, the HRREC offers facilities and training opportunities for students and civil society organizations at the cutting edge.

Drawing from our established position, located in a G7 capital increasingly connected with global trends and networks, the HRREC is well-placed and positioned to expand its reach for greater impact in a fast-changing and evermore interconnected world.

# Flagship Initiative #1

## HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

The Human Rights Clinic (HRC or Clinic) is a unique multi-faceted, practical, educational vehicle that supports undergraduate and postgraduate students to develop their knowledge and acquire new skills in relation to projects in Canada and abroad. Established in 2014, 10 projects in Canada and internationally have engaged some 200 students.

[Visit the HR Clinic webpage and 2014-2021 report.](#)

### Our Goal

Strengthen and expand experiential learning opportunities for students involved in our Human Rights Clinic. Together, we can ensure that HRC projects respond to real world needs from partners in Canada and abroad and that students will continue to be involved in an applied and consequential way, acquiring tools and experience to equip them for successful careers and to make a difference.

### Activities

- Hire a full-time Director for the Clinic (permanent position). \$100K annually
- Fund coordinator positions for projects that do not receive funding from partners. \$30K annually
- Fund activities to showcase the work of the Clinic and the participation of students and staff in advocacy events linked with project goals (such as attending meetings of United Nations and other human rights bodies' sessions, experts' consultations, field missions, etc.). \$20K annually

### Impact

The Clinic has demonstrated impact in many ways and at local, national and international levels. Decisions of Courts have relied upon Clinic contributions, policies have been affected by Clinic analyses, monitoring performed and published, initiatives incubated and cultivated, etc. Students receive real-world, real-time experiences—acquiring knowledge and developing skills through application to real cases or situations and building professional relations and prospects. We need the resources to match counterparts at peer institutions.

### Cost

\$150K annually would support a Director, some Project Coordinators, and some consumable project costs (e.g. *in situ* visits, presentations and publications/dissemination).



## **Our Goal**

Ensure the sustainability of the unique publication of the Canadian Yearbook of Human Rights, a high-impact research initiative that addresses and documents significant human rights developments in and relating to Canada. The Yearbook provides a vehicle for critical commentary and innovative writings about human rights along with timely documentation.

## **Activities**

- Hire a part-time Managing Editor (PhD student) who will coordinate the editing, liaise with a team of law students to support the effort and engage with contributors and

## **Initiative #2**

# **CANADIAN YEARBOOK OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

partners from the Canadian Association of Human Rights Institutes (CAHRI) to maintain the editorial board for the Yearbook. \$10K annually

- Fund the online design, translations and production of materials for advancing human rights through promotion and dissemination. \$10K annually

## **Impact**

This free, open access publication aims to be the go-to-place for the human rights community in Canada and a standard reference for policy- and law-makers, academics and advocates across Canada and beyond. This flagship publication of uOttawa HRREC can also showcase special initiatives and impact policy-makers on an annual basis.

## **Cost**

\$20K annually

# Initiative #3

## ARTS + HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME

### Our Goal

Increase the impact and scope of the Arts and Human Rights (AHR) Programme to bring forward important human rights issues, stimulate new reflections and challenge orthodoxies. The arts are engaged as instruments for analyses and expression, and as an essential element of human rights and freedom by their universal nature, while the community of artists are themselves at times frontline social critics and advocates as well as victims of repression and appropriation.

### Activities:

- Fund for arts and human rights projects and initiatives: art exhibitions, cultural events, performances, concerts, etc. which will sustain the annual programming for the Centre. Promotional materials for these activities and social media campaigns to ensure broad reach can be supported by this fund. \$15K annually
- Fund a part-time AHR Coordinator position (graduate student) who will coordinate the activities for the Programme. \$10K annually



- Fund an Artist-in-Residence position on a periodic basis (e.g. one academic term or similar basis). \$25K annually

### Impact

The Arts + Human Rights Programme will attract a range of attention and will facilitate cross-disciplinary analyses, discussions and advocacy as well as broad public interest.

### Cost

\$50K annually



## Initiative #4

# PRACTITIONER- IN-RESIDENCE

### **Our Goal**

Increase the synergy between the academy and the field to inform research and shape developments based on evidence supporting grounded scholarship, skilled advocates, and clear-eyed scholar-practitioners who together will deliver human rights based effective change.

### **Activities**

- Fund a Practitioner or Activist-in-Residence position on a revolving, periodic basis (for half a year or a full year). \$40k or \$80K annually
- Fund for Practitioner or Activist-in-Residence related initiatives including field visits and action-research. \$10K annually

### **Impact**

The Practitioner-in-Residence will stimulate HRREC Members and maintain constant currency relating to issues and methods and expand relations.

### **Cost**

\$50K (½ year) or \$90K (full year) annually



# Initiative #5

## NEW FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIPS

### Our Goal

Strengthen the diversity of the research community hosted at HRREC by providing funding for visiting researchers. Specific areas of interest are business and human rights, human rights education, mass atrocities/genocide, democracy, labour, academic freedom, the arts, inclusion, diversity and equity (IDE), etc.

### Activities

- Fellowship in Human Rights allocated to researchers visiting from external institutions who can spend at least one academic term (4 months) at HRREC. \$25K annually
- Doctoral scholarship(s) for uOttawa candidates working on human rights issues. \$25K (each) annually



- Master level scholarship(s) for uOttawa candidates working on human rights issues. \$15K (each) annually
- Additional funding to ensure the sustainability and boost the Jacques Gaudreau Scholarship (currently just \$1K/year). \$5K annually

### Impact

Energize and reinvigorate our research community by engaging with new scholars especially in respect of pressing issues.

### Cost

\$70K annually (one of each)



## **Our Goal**

Create a standing resource for Centre-initiated research innovation or for quick-impact policy work or practice, accessible by HRREC Members (currently almost 100) by application for research, knowledge translation and community outreach.

## **Impact**

Ensure that the HRREC remains at the cutting edge and enjoys a head-start on emerging or pressing issues, and enable HRREC Members to act quickly, kick-start initiatives and/or leverage major awards or partnerships.

## **Cost**

\$20K annually

## Initiative #6

# HRREC NEW INITIATIVE FUND



# Global Impact



Over 40 years, the HRREC has gained a record of achievement, built a global network, and made a real difference. We now seek a greater impact—and with your help we will REACH it! In these tumultuous times, the need is great. But so are the opportunities. uOttawa students, researchers and partners are thirsty. With the right resources—for the Clinic, Yearbook, innovative programmes, fellowships and scholarships, and related means—the HRREC is uniquely placed to REACH further in Canada and the world.

# Summary of Financial Needs

## HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

Annually		\$150K
3 Years Total		\$450K
5 Years Total		\$750K

## NEW FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Annually		\$70K
3 Years Total		\$210K
5 Years Total		\$350K

## HRREC NEW INITIATIVE FUND

Annually		\$20K
3 Years Total		\$60K
5 Years Total		\$100K

## CANADIAN YEARBOOK OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Annually		\$20K
3 Years Total		\$60K
5 Years Total		\$100K

## PRACTITIONER- IN-RESIDENCE

Annually		\$50K - \$90K
3 Years Total		\$150 - \$270K
5 Years Total		\$250K - \$450K

## ARTS + HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME

Annually		\$50K
3 Years Total		\$150K
5 Years Total		\$250K

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