

Raj Anand LCO Access to Justice Research Fellowship

The Law Commission of Ontario (LCO) is pleased to announce the Raj Anand LCO Access to Justice Research Fellowship, a groundbreaking initiative to support access to justice, law reform and the next generation of justice advocates.

The Fellowship is the result of a transformative gift from the Raj Anand and Lesley Valentine-Anand Foundation and a matching grant from Osgoode Hall Law School, which together will create the recently announced [\\$1M Osgoode Access to Justice Fund](#).

About the LCO

The LCO is Ontario's leading law reform agency. The LCO's mandate is to provide independent, balanced, and authoritative advice on complex and important legal policy issues. Through this work, the LCO promotes access to justice, evidence-based legislation and policies, and public engagement on important issues. The LCO is independent of stakeholder interests and is committed to a public interest perspective for every project. The LCO is located at Osgoode Hall Law School at York University in Toronto.

The LCO's current work includes high-impact projects addressing access to justice, human rights, AI governance, intimate partner and family violence, and regulatory innovation. More information about the LCO is available at lco-cdo.org.

About the Fellowship

The Raj Anand LCO Access to Justice Research Fellowship is an annual fellowship at the LCO open to a wide range of academics, lawyers, post-doctoral researchers or other professionals.

Research Fellows will undertake law reform research, contribute to the academic community, and participate in public discussions. The Fellowship offers a dynamic, collaborative environment and a unique opportunity to influence real-world legal reform. Fellows may work on existing LCO projects or propose their own project addressing a current and important law reform issue in Ontario.

The Fellowship will be established for a 1-year term, starting from September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027. Fellows will receive up to \$100,000 in funding for a full year. The LCO welcomes collaborations or secondments from other organizations.

How to Apply

Ideal candidates hold a degree in law, public policy or related field with demonstrated research and writing excellence. Experience in consultations and stakeholder engagement is an asset. The ability to function fully in English and French is also an asset.

We welcome applications from women, racialized persons, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, and 2SLGBTQI+ persons. As such, candidates should self-identify in their cover letters and elaborate on the ways in which their candidacy has the potential to enhance diversity in the legal community.

Interested individuals should submit an application to LawCommission@lco-cdo.org in one pdf file consisting of a cover letter, a curriculum vitae (CV), a writing sample no longer than twenty pages, and the names and contact information of three referees. The deadline for applications is **Friday, June 12, 2026**.

Who to Contact

For more information about the Fellowship and the LCO, contact Nye Thomas, LCO Executive Director, at athomas@lco-cdo.org.