



**- - - ACLMR – Request for Proposals - - -**  
**- - - Knowledge Creation Grants (KCG) - - -**

The Alberta Centre for Labour Market Research (ACLMR) is requesting proposals from all twenty-five of its faculty members for Knowledge Creation Grants (KCG). With the ACLMR officially recognized and launched in 2024, these sub-grants are the first chance to create new research under the priorities and themes of the Centre and Government of Alberta in 2025.

Priorities

Being the Alberta Centre for Labour Market Research, our research is about labour markets.

The Government of Alberta is presently asking us to identify our policy relevant research, while we are under review for our second year of funding. According to a search for “policy” on [aclmr.ca](http://aclmr.ca), we currently have 73 academic publications by 20 of our researchers.

It is also implied that our research be directly relevant for Alberta and Canada. Again, according to a search on [aclmr.ca](http://aclmr.ca), this time for “Alberta”, we already have 22 academic publications by 6 researchers, and for “Canada”, we have 59 publications by 11 researchers.

Lastly, the end of 2025 will also be a time where our GoA grant will be up for review for securing our third year of funding. Therefore, the research we produce in a timely manner, by (the end of) 2025, will be the most important for the Centre’s (at least short-run) longevity.

Thus, our priorities are: labour markets, policy relevance, Alberta and Canada, and by 2025.

Themes

Our current general research themes are: 1) Drivers of Labour Disruption; 2) Labour Market Capacity Building; 3) Labour Market Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility. For more information about these themes, please see the About and Questions pages of [aclmr.ca](http://aclmr.ca).

Dates

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Request for proposals circulated  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Deadline to accept proposals  
Late Dec. 2024 – Adjudication of submitted proposals  
Early Jan. 2025 – Best proposals notified and funded  
Fall 2025 – New research circulated as working papers

## Proposals

Please include the following elements in your three-page (1,000 word) proposal: 1) title, 2) name(s) and institution(s) with contact info, 3) clear research question(s), 4) data source(s) and empirical method(s), 5) explanation of how your research addresses the above priorities, 6) explanation of how your research falls under the above themes, 7) budget (up to \$30,000 for 2025) with justification and work plan, 8) expected outputs and timeline, 9) references. Your proposal can be emailed to [jmarchan@ualberta.ca](mailto:jmarchan@ualberta.ca) via reply to the proposal request.

## Evaluation

Proposals will be adjudicated by our Research Committee (Alex, David, Joseph, Lars, Vera). In addition to meeting the priorities, themes, dates, and proposal parameters listed above, other criteria may include the capability of the research team, the feasibility and importance of the research, and any collaboration across institutions (AU, MRU, UofA, UofC, UofL).

## Notes

Due to the involvement of more than one research services office (RSO), sub-grants to researchers outside of the University of Alberta (as the current home of ACLMR) may take longer to set up across institutions than within. This should only be a first round delay.

Submissions not funded in the first round can remain in the pool of submissions for a future round by default. These unfunded proposals may also receive feedback for improvement.

Research related to the topic of immigration may be considered for separate secured funding.

Given that the ACLMR now has Vicinity data access, proposals may want to consider it.

Unspent sub-grant funds may need to be returned to the ACLMR by a certain date.

A separate call for sub-grants related to Knowledge Mobilization will occur soon.

Any questions or concerns can be sent to Joseph at [jmarchan@ualberta.ca](mailto:jmarchan@ualberta.ca).

Any information about the ACLMR can be found on our website at [aclmr.ca](http://aclmr.ca).