

Call for Proposals

2024-2025 Research Grants in Child and Youth Rights

The Child and Youth Rights Program (ChYRP) at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Minerva Center for Human Rights (MCHR) announces the launch of a new scheme for research grants in child and youth rights. Accordingly, researchers in all academic institutions and disciplines are invited to submit proposals for research projects of any of the following types: Individual, collaborative-Israeli, collaborative-international, action research, and implementation research.

ChYRP aims to promote research, pedagogy, and dissemination of knowledge in the field of child rights (aged 0-18). ChYRP uses the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as the blueprint for the program agenda, and fosters interdisciplinary scholarship with a preference for rights-respecting methodologies. The program's focus is on children's rights from a global and comparative perspective, as well as local issues relating to Israel and the Palestinian Territories. Each year ChYRP will emphasize a different right outlined in the CRC. In 2023, its first year of operation, ChYRP provided Ph.D. and Post-doctorate fellowships for researchers focusing on children's right to participation in decision-making. In 2024-25, ChYRP will also offer research-specific grants for the first time. Against the backdrop of the present war, the emphasis will be on children's right to Life, Survival, and Development (Article 6 of the CRC).

We invite Israeli researchers from all academic institutions and disciplines to submit applications for research grants exploring various aspects of children's lives, using a children's rights lens, with particular attention to the right to life, survival, and development. Research fields can vary and include education, criminal justice, child wellbeing, city planning, public policy, children's health and mental health, children and media, sociology of childhood, cultural studies, children and their families, and children's identities. Research projects may be theoretical, doctrinal, or empirical (using any methodology) and preferably involve children and youth in the planning and implementation of the research. The submission must show how the selected approach fits the research goals and questions.

התוכנית לזכויות ילדים ונוער, הפועלת במרכז מינרבה לזכויות האדם באוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים מודיעה על השקת מערך מענקים לפרויקטים מחקריים העוסקים בזכויות ילדים ונוער, אשר יחולקו מידי שנה. לפיכך, חוקרים וחוקרות מכל המוסדות האקדמיים ומכל התחומים מוזמנים להגיש הצעות מחקר ממגוון סוגים: הצעות מחקר אישיות, הצעות לקבוצות מחקר ישראליות, הצעות לקבוצות מחקר בינלאומיות, הצעות למחקר פעולה, והצעות למחקרי שטח.

מטרתה של התוכנית לזכויות ילדים ונוער (ChYRP) לקדם מחקר, הוראה והפצת ידע בתחום זכויות הילד (בגילאי 0-18). אמנת האו"ם בדבר זכויות הילד מהווה את עמוד השדרה והקו המנחה של התוכנית. בהתאם לכך, התוכנית מעודדת מחקר בין-תחומי ושיטות מחקר המכבדות את זכויות הילד והילדה. במוקד העניין של התוכנית סוגיות עולמיות עקרוניות ומחקר משווה, כמו גם סוגיות מקומיות הנוגעות לילדים וילדות בישראל ובשטחים. מידי שנה התוכנית תדגיש זכות אחרת הקבועה באמנה. ב-2023, שנת הפעילות הראשונה, התוכנית העניקה מלגות דוקטורט ופוסט-דוקטורט לחוקרות המתמקדות בזכותם של ילדים להשתתפות בתהליכי קבלת ההחלטות. בשנת 2024-25 יוענקו לראשונה, בנוסף למלגות, גם מענקים ייעודיים לפרויקטים מחקריים (ראו הודעה נפרדת). בצל המלחמה, הדגש יהיה על הזכות לחיים, הישרדות והתפתחות הקבועה בסעיף 6 לאמנה.

Submissions may be for any one of the following tracks:

- **Individual Research Grant:** Proposals will be submitted by a single researcher who will act as the sole Principal Investigator (PI). The sum of \$10,000 will be allocated among proposals selected in the Individual Research Grant Track.
- **Collaborative Research Grant:** Proposals will be submitted by two or more researchers, who will act as Co-PIs, from more than one Israeli academic institution. Multidisciplinary teams are encouraged. Applications should demonstrate the distinct contribution of each Co-PI. The sum of \$10,000 will be allocated among proposals selected in the Collaborative Research Grant track.
- **International Research Consortium Grant:** Proposals will be submitted by at least one Israeli researcher, who will act as the contact person with ChYRP, and at least one researcher who is a faculty member at an academic institution abroad. The sum of \$10,000 will be allocated among proposals selected in the International Research Consortium Grant track. Grantees of the International Research Grant may apply for additional funding to support visits in Israel of the international Co-PIs. Such visits will be considered together with other visiting scholars invited by ChYRP regularly to engage in teaching and research.
- **Action Research Grant:** [Action research projects](#) involve the introduction of an innovative practice, program, or approach in an exploratory format (“pilot”), and an associated formative study designed to document the program and assess its potential. Action research projects require the commitment of practitioners from governmental or non-governmental organizations to establish the new program and the collaboration of researchers to conduct the associated study. Accordingly, proposals in this track must be submitted by a research team of at least one academic researcher (who will be the PI and contact person with ChYRP) and at least one representative of a governmental or non-governmental organization (who will act as the Collaborative Investigator – CI). The sum of \$10,000 will be allocated among proposals selected in the Action Research Grant track.
- **Implementation Research Grant:** Proposals will involve a structured assessment of an existing practice related to children and youth. It may be a legal or empirical assessment of the attainment of a certain right or a group or rights of children, or an evaluation of a program. Implementation research projects require collaboration between practitioners and researchers, but the grant will support the research only. Accordingly, applications for the Implementation Research Grant must be submitted by at least one academic researcher (who will be the PI) and must demonstrate the willingness of the relevant practitioners to collaborate or at least grant access to the data. Thus, an authorized practitioner must be either a CI in the proposed project or provide a letter of support for the study. The sum of \$5,000 will be allocated among proposals selected in the Implementation Research track.

Eligibility criteria:

- All academic applicants must hold a Ph.D. or an equivalent diploma and demonstrate relevant research experience in any discipline related to issues of child and youth rights. Israeli researchers may be either tenured, tenure-tracked, or research fellows in an academic institution. For Ph.D. and post-doctorate fellowships, see separate Call for Candidates.
- All collaborating practitioners in Action Research Grant and Implementation Research Grant proposals must have the authority to establish (in the case of action research) or implement (in the case of implementation research) the examined practice and to collaborate toward the execution of the research project.

Criteria for selection:

- Strong links to child and youth rights literature and the UN CRC, preferably with links to the Right to Life, Survival, and Development.
- Inclusion or consideration of children belonging to disadvantaged and minority groups
- The curriculum vitae (CV) of the academic applicants should demonstrate relevant background to conduct the suggested research project; the CV of the practitioner applicants should reflect relevant experience in promoting the practice, service, or policy.
- Preference for interdisciplinary methods and research teams.
- The proposal must show how the selected approach fits the research goal and question.
- The proposal must outline the significance of the examined program or the study outcomes.
- The research should include children and youth in the planning and implementation of the research and practice, where possible.

Obligations and expected outputs:

- Successful applicants will receive the grant in two payments, one at the beginning of the funded research project and the other in its mid-term, according to the submission's approved schedule and budget.
- The grantees are expected to submit a progress report before receiving the second payment and a final report upon completion of the study. Each report will describe the substantive work that was done and the expenses spent during the study term.
- Grantees are expected to publish at least one article presenting the research outcomes in a leading international academic journal.
- Grantees are expected to present the research findings in at least one conference or seminar held by ChYRP/MCHR.
- The final research report will be shared on the ChYRP website
- Grantees will be expected to state the support of ChYRP in any publication resulting from the research.

Application instructions:

1. Applications should include:
 - Research plan (up to three pages) describing the research questions, methodology, contribution of each applicant to the project, and potential significance of the examined project to children's rights. Applications in the Action and Implementation Research Grant tracks will additionally include a description of the studied practice, its feasibility, and its significance in the children's rights field.
 - Proposed research timeline, including the expected outputs and completion date.
 - Proposed research budget. Please also list additional sources of funding obtained or pending for the project. ChYRP grants will not cover practitioners' salaries in Action and Implementation Research Grants. Office equipment, including laptops, will also not be funded.
 - CV of each applicant.
2. All documents should be combined into one PDF file.
3. Please submit applications (and questions) to the Child and Youth Rights Program via email: chyrp@mail.huji.ac.il. The filename should indicate the applicant's name and research track.

Application deadlines:

Individual, Collaborative, and International Research Consortium Grants:

February 29th, 2024. Final decisions will be made by April 1st, 2024.

Action and Implementation Research Grants:

April 4th, 2024. Final decisions will be made by May 10th, 2024.