



PRIVACY GOOD RESEARCH FUND

FAQs

FAQs for applicants

Who is eligible for funding?

Academic institutions, non-profit organisations including education institutions and industry and trade associations, consumer, voluntary and advocacy organisations and for profit organisations are all eligible applicants.

How much funding is available?

The inaugural Office of the Privacy Commissioner (OPC) Privacy Good Research Fund is worth \$75,000 for a number of individual projects up to \$25,000.

When can I apply?

The call for applications begins for a 10 week period beginning on 12 June. The deadline for applications is 21 August. Applications for funding received after that date may be considered if funds are available.

How do I apply?

An Applicant's Guide is issued with a call for proposals to help applicants prepare a project proposal for funding. It includes instructions on how to complete the application form as well as information about the assessment process.

How are applicants selected?

All proposals are evaluated by OPC and may, where appropriate, consult with other government agencies and stakeholders. OPC may also involve independent external reviewers.

FAQs for recipients

What am I supposed to provide OPC on the completion date?

You must provide OPC with the following materials:

- The completed project
- A 250 word summary of the project
- At a minimum, you are required to provide a written estimate of your anticipated final claim for payment. Alternatively, you may also submit your final claim for payment at this time.

What constitutes a material change to the project?

Material change means a change of any aspect of the estimated total scope of the project, the nature of the project, the estimated eligible costs, the project financing, the legal status of the recipient, or the key project personnel.

As a recipient of the funding, you are obligated to ensure that no material changes are made to your project without the prior written consent of OPC. Communicate with the program's manager at OPC prior to making any material changes, so that an amendment to your agreement may be drafted and sent to you for signature.

What constitutes an event of default under my funding agreement?

An event of default is:

- a material change to your agreement that is made without the prior written consent of OPC.
- If the agreement or any document submitted in connection with the agreement is at any time incorrect in any material respect. This can include but is not restricted to false or misleading information submitted to OPC.
- When you fail to satisfy a material term, condition, or undertaking of your agreement.
- When you are late in submitting a deliverable, or when you submit to us deliverables that we deem incomplete or unsatisfactory as per the terms of your agreement.

What are progress reports and why do I have to submit them?

You must provide OPC with two progress reports on your project. These are to be timed at regular intervals depending on the duration of your project. We need these progress reports to ensure that your project is on time, that it is unfolding as planned, and that the funds allocated to it will be spent.

Do I retain intellectual property rights arising from my project?

Yes. Intellectual property rights arising from the Privacy Good Research Fund are vested in the recipient. But your agreement also provides that you grant OPC licensed rights to produce, publish, reproduce, adapt, broadcast or use at no cost, some or all works subject to such intellectual property rights.