

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
August 2024

Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility Research Fellowship

Proposals are invited for the Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility Research Fellowship (“CESR Research Fellowship” hereafter).

The purpose of CESR Research Fellowship is to provide resources that enhance the development of research in the following areas:

- Business solutions to environmental challenges
- Diversity and inclusion
- Ethical leadership

The above areas are broadly defined and proposals from all disciplines are encouraged. Funding up to the \$10,000 level is possible, depending on the submissions received and the funding required by the successful proposal(s). All Leeds faculty members are eligible for the fellowship. Faculty members are welcome to submit multiple proposals, although no more than one proposal authored or co-authored by a single faculty member will be awarded funding.

The proposals will be assessed based on the following general guidelines.

Does the proposal:

- 1) Focus on market-based solutions to social, environmental, and ethical issues?
- 2) Address big questions with broad applications?
- 3) Involve novel topics and/or research methods?
- 4) Lend itself to actionable insights easily communicable to stakeholders in the business community?

The research track record of faculty member will be taken into consideration when assessing the feasibility of proposals received. In addition, priority will be given to proposals involving multiple CESR research focus areas (see list above). Special consideration will also be given to new research projects. Existing projects may be considered, however such proposals need to make a strong case for how CESR funding will make a material difference in the project’s ongoing feasibility and/or completion.

Proposals should include a description of the research to be supported and a budget for the requested level of funding from CESR Research Fellowship. Research resources include (but are not limited to) research assistance, data purchases, travel within university guidelines, etc. Requested support grants are not required to be spent entirely in the year of grant, and may be carried over up to a total period of two years.

The recipient of the CESR Research Fellowship support will be recognized as a CESR Faculty Affiliate and acknowledge that support in all resulting research output. For completed research

papers, a short submission to [The Conversation](#) in collaboration with Leeds Marking and Communication team is strongly encouraged.

The Selection Committee consists of CESR's Executive Director, Director of Operations, and Faculty Director; the Associate Dean for Research and Academics; and the Associate Dean for Business & Government Relations.

Proposals for the CESR Research Fellowship should be submitted to Clare Wang, Faculty Director of CESR by January 15, 2025. Selection will be completed by March 15, 2025.