Call for Proposals: Critical Nuclear Weapons Scholarship
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The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is issuing a call for research proposals to conduct and disperse critical scholarship on nuclear weapons.

Academic and policy research on nuclear weapons is often dominated (financially or otherwise) by supporters of the nuclear weapons status quo in nuclear-armed and nuclear-allied states, failing to reflect a diversity of perspectives from around the world. Academics and researchers who want to conduct nuclear disarmament research may have trouble securing the necessary funding to do so, or to promote their work to reach a broader audience. We would like to support emerging and established scholars working on critical nuclear weapons scholarship so they may conduct and share their research, bringing fresh new perspectives to the field. This research can be useful for advocates and practitioners to advance towards a nuclear-weapon-free world.

Research topics may include but are not limited to nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation, public opinion and nuclear weapons, the humanitarian and environmental impacts of nuclear weapons, nuclear weapons intersectionality, climate change and nuclear weapons, and international law and nuclear weapons, including the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Research grants will range from 5’000-10’000 CHF, for a period of up to eight months, and can cover a range of research and publication activities. To provide a few examples, researchers may apply to cover the costs to produce original academic research to be published in an academic journal, to transform a dissertation into a published academic article and/or to create a series of shorter articles or editorials based on previous academic research for a public or policy audience. After the completion of the research, ICAN social media and digital staff will collaborate with researchers to develop materials to disperse their work to a wider audience.

This application is open to scholars with a range of education and experience, from students pursuing advanced degrees, including PhDs, law degrees and master’s degrees, to pre- or post- doctoral fellows and junior faculty.
Applicants of colour, indigenous applicants, applicants that identify as LGBQTI+SB, applicants who identify as women or non-binary, applicants with disabilities and applicants from communities harmed by nuclear weapons are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applicants should email the following in a single PDF with the subject line: “Critical Nuclear Weapons Scholarship Proposal 2022” to office@icanw.org:

(a) An abstract of the proposed research;
(b) A project description, including an estimated schedule of research and outputs;
(c) A CV and short bio, including previous publications, as applicable.

Applications will be due 21 March 2022 and successful applicants will be notified of their selection by 1 April 2022.

About ICAN

ICAN is a broad, inclusive campaign, focused on mobilizing civil society around the world to support the specific objective of prohibiting and eliminating nuclear weapons. ICAN was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for its efforts to achieve the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which entered into force in January 2021.