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Kering Foundation to examine violence against women, children via new research program

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The multi-year research initiative will train the next generation of scholars in this field. Image credit: Kering

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French luxury conglomerate Kering is launching a new research vehicle.

The Kering Foundation, working with Canada's McGill University and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI), has introduced a multi-year program aimed at addressing the unseen connections between violence against women and violence against children. The project seeks to deepen global understanding of how these forms of abuse intersect, in addition to strengthening evidence-based solutions.

"Over the past 17 years, we have seen how combining efforts can yield effective and lasting results in the fight against women and children," said Francois-Henri Pinault, chairman of the [Kering Foundation](#), in a statement.

"I am therefore delighted to launch this new research programme with two leading experts in this field who have extensive experience not only in fundamental research, but also in disseminating and promoting community-based solutions to violence."

Next generation

The program will support locally led research, with a focus on identifying effective interventions across social services, policies and community programs. It will also prioritize the development of incoming scholars working in the field.

"We are profoundly grateful to the Kering Foundation for its vision and commitment to improving the lives of children and families," said Delphine Collin-Vezina, full professor and director of the Centre for Research on Children and Families at McGill University, in a statement.

"Their support enables us not only to train the next generation of scholars, but to do so in a way that is deeply grounded in the lived realities of those most affected by violence and rights violations," Ms. Collin-Vezina said. "By creating space for rigorous inquiry, international collaboration and meaningful engagement with children, caregivers and frontline professionals, this investment empowers emerging researchers to produce knowledge that can truly transform policy and practice."

At McGill, doctoral and postdoctoral researchers will receive advanced, hands-on training across a range of projects.

Their work will include conducting systematic reviews on prevention practices and policies related to family violence and child

maltreatment. Researchers will also partake in international research exploring children's rights in Canada and France.

"SVRI is driving a shift toward evidence-based responses to violence against women and violence against children," said Elizabeth Dartnall, executive director of SVRI, in a statement.

"Scaling this work requires sustained investment, especially in research that is locally led and grounded in lived experience," Ms. Dartnall said. "With the generous support of the Kering Foundation, we are proud to launch early career research fellowships for scholars in low- and middle-income countries, nurturing a new generation of leaders with deep local insight and commitment to ending violence in their communities."

Together with both partners, the Kering Foundation will organize events, workshops and advocacy initiatives designed to share findings and encourage cross-sector dialogue.



The business is investigating the aquatic conservation efforts of major Asian brands. Image credit: Kering

Earlier this month, Kering released its second study with the Centre for Governance and Sustainability at the National University of Singapore Business School, as part of its three-year-long research collaboration ([see story](#)).

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