MPAA Global Research Intellectual Property Program 2014

Size of Research Grant

$20,000 in US dollars

Research Methodology

- Proposals from any discipline will be considered. Cross-disciplinary research teams consisting of academics from different fields are encouraged.
- Researchers may employ a wide range of appropriate methodologies or combinations of methodologies, including:
    - qualitative research case studies,
    - quantitative research case studies,
    - historical analysis, or
    - other scholarly methods that are applicable for the proposed project.

Research Topics

Proposals <u>must</u> address one of the research areas listed below. Other topics related to Intellectual Property will not be accepted.

- **Copyright and Economic Development:**

    Analysis of the impact of copyright laws on innovation, competition, and economic development, with reference to specific countries and/or geographical regions.

- **Growth of Creative Industries:**

    Analysis of factors that promote or hinder the growth of creative industries, accounting for different cultural influences and governmental regimes.

- **Digital Content:**

    Analysis of how content sales and licensing models have evolved in the digital environment, including the impact on consumers.

- **Notice and Takedown Regimes:**

    Empirical analyses of how notice and takedown procedures operate under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act in the U.S., or comparable systems in other parts of the world, including recommendations for increased effectiveness.

Application Schedule

There are 2 application periods available:

Application Period No.	Application Period Start	Application Period End / Deadline	Stipend Awardees announced on
1	April 15, 2014	**May 15, 2014**	June 15, 2014
2	June 9, 2014	**July 15, 2014**	August 15, 2014

Application Requirements

- Applications must be submitted online in PDF format via this link:
  www.mpaaresearchgrants.org/application
- Applications must include:
  1. A cover sheet with name, title, academic institution, e-mail address and telephone number. If a research team is involved, the above information for each team member should be included. The first individual listed on a team proposal will be the point person for all communications regarding the proposal, including funding decisions. Graduate students may be part of a team submitting an application, but they cannot be the primary author(s).
  2. An abstract summarizing the proposal.
  3. Three-page description of the proposed project (single-spaced, approximately 1500 words)
  4. A Curriculum Vitae (CV). A representative selection of relevant publications should be included in each CV. The total CV, including list of publications, should be no more than three single-spaced pages per individual.
- Applicants must accept the full "Grant Submission Terms" as listed here:
  www.mpaaresearchgrants.org/grant-submission-terms

Application Evaluation Criteria

MPAA will have sole and absolute discretion to select Stipend Awardees. The proposal and application will be evaluated based upon the MPAA's judgment, including in the areas as follows:

- Does the proposal explain clearly the scope of the project and what work will be done?
- Does it project research results and explain how they will be obtained and what methodologies will be used?
- Does the proposal provide evidence of knowledge of other research underway?

Stipend Awardee Requirements

If accepted, stipend awardees must agree to produce a report that is approximately **25 to 35 pages** in length, no later than six months after the Initial Payment (see below).

Stipends will be funded in two payments as follows:

1. US $10,000 within thirty days of selection of the winning Proposal ("Initial Payment"); and

2. Final payment of US $10,000 upon receipt and approval by the MPAA of the Awardees' Report ("Final Payment").

For more information and FAQs, please visit the Research Program website at
www.mpaaresearchgrants.org