



ALAI European Authors' Right Award – supported by GESAC

Guidelines

[ALAI](#), a worldwide network of academics and experts in intellectual property, wants to give young researchers the opportunity to showcase their views on EU authors' right/copyright and collective management of this right by entering an essay competition. The award is supported by [GESAC](#), a European grouping of authors' rights/copyright management societies.

Prize

€3,000 in cash prizes will be awarded: €2,000 for the winner and €1,000 for the runner-up. Both winners will receive:

- € 500 lump sum to cover travel and lodging for the award ceremony;
- 1 year subscription to the International Authors' Right Magazine "RIDA";
- participation in the 2020 International ALAI Congress in Madrid (excluding travel or lodging costs);
- 1 year participation fee for membership to the winner's national ALAI Group;
- translation of the essay into French or English;
- possible publication of the winning essay, e.g. on the ALAI website.

Subject

The essay must:

- be related to authors' right/copyright;
- have a European dimension (this may include the comparison of third country systems with that of the EU);
- include aspects that could be of interest to the collective management of authors' right/copyright.

The applicants are free to choose the specific issue on which they submit their applications, within this framework.

Eligibility

- Research master's students (minimum 4th year tertiary student or masters, LLM, or predoctoral level) from any university around the world.
- Candidates should be under 35 years old on 17 November 2019.
- Candidates need a recommendation from at least one professor.
- The work the competition entry is based on should either be in progress or presented in 2018 or presented after 2018.

Format

Eligible students wishing to take part in the competition must provide:

- the [application form](#), filled out and signed;
- an abstract of the essay that they wish to submit (one-page summary maximum); and
- if their abstract is selected, an essay of maximum 30,000 characters, or about 15 pages (excluding bibliography and annexes, if any), based on a master's thesis or an ongoing research project within a university;

Entries should be submitted in English or French (in Word format).

Selection procedure

- An Editorial Committee composed of two representatives of ALAI, two representatives of GESAC, and chaired by the President of ALAI will select the winning entries.
- The Editorial Committee will make an initial selection based on the abstracts submitted by the candidates.
- The results of this selection will be communicated to the candidates.
- The selected candidates will submit their essays and the Editorial Committee will select the two winners.
- The Editorial Committee reserves the right not to proclaim any winner (or proclaim only one) should the quality of the essays be considered insufficient.

Deadline

- Deadline for submission of the abstracts: 17 November 2019.
- Deadline for submission of the essays: 16 February 2020.

Contact

Application forms, abstracts, essays and questions can be sent to:
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