



News

Ingenta Research Award

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Purpose

The Ingenta Research Award is given annually by the Library Research Round Table of the American Library Association to support research projects about acquisition, use, and preservation of digital information.

Example areas of research include:

- the analysis of online journal usage data to develop conclusions and predictive models which may be used by libraries and publishers in determining future behavior;
- an investigation of the issues surrounding institutional archiving, particularly costs, preservation and securing the participation of faculty;
- a study of information seeking behavior of readers and/or authors; and
- the development of future models for verifying the relative usefulness of publications.

Other topics related to digital publications will also be considered.

Eligibility

Applications are welcome from practicing librarians, faculty and students at schools of library and information science, and independent scholars.

Criteria

The Ingenta Award Jury will evaluate applications on the basis of the following criteria:

- appropriateness of the proposed project to understanding of seeking and use of digital information;
- significance of the problem;
- design of the study;
- qualifications of the investigator(s); and
- realism of the timetable.

Amount

The grant consists of up to \$6,000 for research and up to \$1,000 for travel to a national or international conference to present the results of the research. Expenditures must directly support research; the award does not cover indirect costs or

overhead. Half of the research amount will be paid within one month of the selection of the awardee; the remaining half will be provided approximately six months later upon the receipt of a satisfactory progress report as determined by the Ingenta Award Jury Chair and the ALA staff liaison to the Ingenta Award Jury.

How to apply

Send:

1. Proposal of no more than 6 double-spaced pages that provides:
 - overall statement of the project
 - relation of the project to previous research
 - research questions
 - method/plan of investigation
 - timetable for the work
 - significance of the project
 - plan to disseminate the results
2. Budget (1 page)
3. Curriculum vitae (2 pages)

Deadline

All submissions must reach the ALA address on or before Friday, March 31, 2007. You will receive confirmation via e-mail within two days.

Email the Proposal, budget and curriculum vitae to:

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