



## AIPPI Canada Essay Competition

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1. AIPPI Canada has established the AIPPI Canada Essay Competition (the “Competition”) to advance interest and scholarship in intellectual property law, and to promote AIPPI Canada and AIPPI International.
2. The Competition shall take place once per year.
3. In order to participate in the Competition in a particular year, qualifying entrants are invited to submit a qualifying essay, as set out below.
  3. A qualifying entrant must be an individual that is either (a) a full time law student enrolled in a J.D., LL.B., LL.L, LL.M program (or equivalent) at a law faculty of a Canadian University; or (b) a Class 3 CPATA licensee.
  4. A qualifying essay must be a substantive work of scholarship relating to one of the topics selected by AIPPI Canada, submitted to AIPPI Canada by the applicable deadline for the Competition in the year of submission. A qualifying essay shall be an original work of authorship by a qualifying entrant. It shall be written in English or French and shall be at least 3000 and no more than 10,000 words in length, accompanied by an abstract of 300 words or less. A qualifying essay (or a substantially similar essay by the same author) must not have been submitted for any other prize, including any prize offered by AIPPI or any of its National or Regional Groups (including AIPPI Canada), or otherwise have been submitted for publication anywhere.
  5. Entrants are entirely responsible for the content and authorship of any essay submitted. To the extent any artificial intelligence (AI) tools are used in preparing a qualifying essay, the entrant shall submit an AI statement at the end of the qualifying essay. The declaration shall include:
    - an identification of the specific AI tools or technologies used;
    - how such AI tools were used;
    - the prompts used in the AI tools or technologies; and
    - an explanation of how the outputs from the AI tools were used in the qualifying essay.If no AI tools were used in the preparation of the essay, the essay should be accompanied with the statement: “The author has not used any AI tools in the preparation of this essay”.
  6. All qualifying essays will be reviewed by AIPPI Canada Council or a committee of AIPPI Canada, and a winning essay shall be selected.
  7. Reasons for the selection of the winning essay may, but need not, be provided. The decision of AIPPI Canada Council in this regard will be final.

8. A monetary prize will be awarded by AIPPI Canada at the conclusion of Competition for that year to the qualifying entrant who has submitted the winning essay.
9. Each qualifying entrant who submits a qualifying essay will also receive a complimentary one-year membership to AIPPI Canada in the year following submission. Memberships are not transferable or redeemable for cash.
10. Each year, the topic, monetary prize amount and deadline for submission will be published on the AIPPI Canada website.
11. Entries must be submitted in Word or PDF format by email to the Secretary of AIPPI Canada at [info@aippicanada.org](mailto:info@aippicanada.org). Entries should not bear the author's name or other identifying information. Such information should be included separately in the entrant's covering email.
12. AIPPI Canada reserves the right to assess if the entrant or essay is a qualifying entrant or essay and compliance with theses rules, and/or to not to select a winning essay and award the monetary prize in any particular year, depending on the quality of entries submitted.
13. The winning essay and entrant will be published on the AIPPI Canada website. AIPPI Canada may also, at its discretion, publish the winning essay, and any other qualifying essay, including on its website at [aippicanada.org](http://aippicanada.org), without compensation to the entrant. By submitting an entry, each entrant consents to such publication and to be identified as the essay's author.
14. AIPPI Canada may also assist the winning entrant in submitting the winning essay for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
15. All questions regarding the Competition should be submitted to the Secretary of AIPPI Canada at [info@aippicanada.org](mailto:info@aippicanada.org).