



INTA Foundation: Grant-Funded Initiatives and Support

Building a More Inclusive IP Community Through Global Grant Programs

Mission and Vision

The [INTA Foundation](#) is a charitable organization with a mission to expand educational opportunities that empower students and professionals to join, shape, and strengthen the intellectual property (IP) community. While INTA focuses on professionals already engaged in the trademark and IP profession, the INTA Foundation supports initiatives that provide greater access to the IP profession and to IP related educational and professional development opportunities for those that might not otherwise have access. We take pride in supporting educational institutions through grant funding to create pathways for individuals to enter and thrive in the IP field. Our vision is to foster a more inclusive and dynamic IP ecosystem through a range of initiatives designed to support students, connect aspiring professionals with experienced mentors, and enhance IP knowledge in underserved communities.

2026 Programs and Impact

The INTA Foundation has allocated \$115,000 in grants for 2026 to support five grant-funded initiatives across five countries, impacting more than 730 students. These grants reflect the Foundation's commitment to expanding access to intellectual property education and professional development opportunities for students who may otherwise face barriers to entering the profession.

COSI – Center of Science and Industry (United States)

The INTA Foundation supports the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) to deliver interactive learning experiences that introduce students to the role of intellectual property in innovation, entrepreneurship, and problem solving. Through Foundation funding, COSI integrates intellectual property concepts into science and innovation programming, making IP accessible and relevant to real world creativity and invention. This initiative engages students in the United States and the United Kingdom, reflecting a global approach to early IP education and encouraging curiosity, critical thinking, and awareness of how ideas are protected and shared.

UFRJ – Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) was the INTA Foundation's first grant recipient following its relaunch in 2022. Through Foundation funding, UFRJ established a structured IP program for undergraduate law students, covering patents, trademarks, copyright, legal English, and hands-on internships. At least half of participating students are selected from affirmative action programs, expanding access for underserved communities.

IDIA – Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access (India)

The INTA Foundation supports IDIA to expand access to legal and intellectual property education for students from underrepresented and marginalized communities. Foundation funding supports scholars through tuition, living expenses, and IP-focused programming including mentorship and training.

SAIIPL – South African Institute of Intellectual Property Law (South Africa)

The INTA Foundation supports the expansion of the SAIPL Bursary Program to increase access to intellectual property education. Students receive financial assistance and opportunities for internships, mentorship, and job shadowing.

Lefkowitz Travel Scholarship (United States)

The INTA Foundation supports the Lefkowitz Travel Scholarship to reduce financial barriers for law students participating in the Moot Court Competition. Funding enables broader participation and supports development of advocacy skills.