



Call for Applications: AI and Law Research Awards

Deadline: December 16th, 2024

The Miami Law & AI (MiLA) Lab at the University of Miami School of Law is pleased to announce its AI and Law Research Awards program. We invite proposals for research, policy, and tool development projects at the intersection of AI and law. Applications are open for scholars, graduate students, legal practitioners, and technologists. We seek applications from candidates and teams of diverse backgrounds and from all institutions.

About the MiLA Lab

The [MiLA Lab](#) is a pioneering center dedicated to research and development of AI and law. MiLA's overarching goal is promoting AI integration in legal education, research, and practice.

Our mission is to foster innovative research, develop practical AI-based tools for the legal domain, and contribute to the evolving discourse on AI governance and ethics.

Program Overview

- **Duration:** 9 months (January 15, 2025 – October 15, 2025)
- **Eligibility:** Open to scholars, graduate students, legal practitioners, and technologists with a demonstrated interest in AI and law. We welcome applicants from a wide range of fields, including but not limited to: business and management, computer science, education, engineering, law, philosophy, political science, psychology, and other relevant disciplines.
Cross-institutional applications, with at least one collaborator from the University of Miami (UM), will be given priority.
- **Location:** Remote

Program Benefits

- Honorarium of \$2,000
- Access to technical support, including computational resources and development team
- Access to research materials
- Opportunity to present research at MiLA Lab group sessions
- Mentorship and networking opportunities with leading scholars in AI and law

Research Areas

We are open to innovative proposals addressing any aspect of the intersection between AI and Law and encourage creative and forward-thinking projects.

Applicants can submit proposals in one of the following categories:

1. Theoretical or empirical research projects
2. Policy papers
3. Development of AI-driven Proof-of-Concept (PoC) tools for the legal domain

While we welcome all relevant proposals, the following themes are of particular interest to our Lab:

1. **AI Lawyering: AI-assisted Legal Practice**
 - Ethics, legal liability, and malpractice considerations
 - Client confidentiality in the age of AI
 - Use cases for customized AI-driven tools in legal practice
 - AI literacy and skills for legal practitioners
2. **AI and Law – Theoretical Aspects**
 - Legal explainability / transparency
 - AI and legal reasoning
 - AI in legal decision-making
 - The future of law in an AI-driven world
3. **AI Governance**
 - Critical analysis of regulatory frameworks
 - Comparative analysis of AI governance
4. **AI and Intellectual Property**
 - IP infringement issues related to AI input / output
 - Users' ownership in AI-generated content
5. **AI and Legal Education**
 - The role of legal education in an AI-assisted practice environment
 - Developing AI literacy and skills for law students
 - Creating AI-driven tools for legal education
 - AI's impact on legal writing and research
6. **AI, Law, and Society**
 - AI's potential to enhance access to justice
 - Addressing bias and discrimination in AI systems
 - Privacy and data security implications of AI in legal contexts

Expectations

- Conduct original study **or** develop an AI-driven tool related to the legal domain
- Produce a working paper based on their project by the end of the program (awardees are encouraged to pursue publication in an academic journal)
- Submit a progress report during April 2025
- Present the project at a group session during the award period

- Applications are welcome from both UM and non-UM applicants. External applicants are strongly encouraged to partner with UM faculty or students. If you cannot find a suitable match, please contact us.

Application Requirements

1. Research proposal (750-1000 words) outlining:
 - Application category (research, policy, or tool development project)
 - Title
 - Abstract (up to 150 words)
 - Project description, including the research question or tool development concept
 - If applicable, methodology or development approach
 - Potential impact on the field
 - Timeline with milestones
2. CV/Resume
3. Optional: List of publications
4. Optional: Writing sample (published or unpublished) and/or code project sample

Selection Criteria

- Originality and innovation of the proposal
- Feasibility of completing the project within the award period
- Applicant's qualifications and demonstrated interest in AI and law
- Potential impact on the field of AI and law
- Collaboration with a UM faculty or student

How to Apply

Please submit your application materials to MiLA@law.miami.edu and cc crcampana@law.miami.edu with the subject line "Award Application – [YOUR_NAME]"

Key Dates

- Application Deadline: **December 16th, 2024**
- Notification of Results: **December 27th, 2024**
- Award Period: **January 15th, 2025 – October 15th, 2025**

Questions & Contact

For questions, please contact us at MiLA@law.miami.edu