**Fall 2014 I.F. Stone Award**

**The next deadline for the I.F. Stone Award** for emerging journalists, offered by The Investigative Fund at The Nation Institute, is **November 24, 2014 at 5 p.m. Eastern**. The award will support the investigative projects of one to two winners. Group projects will be considered, but award money will be split among members of the group. Applicants must be graduate students, recent graduates, journalism interns,or emerging journalists. The I.F. Stone Award is meant to support stories that will appear in U.S. media outlets.

Winners of the prize will be selected by the editors of The Investigative Fund and announced in January.The emerging journalists with winning proposals will receive between $2,000 and $10,000, depending upon the applicant’s budget request and the stories’ reporting requirements. In addition, the winners will receive editorial guidance from Investigative Fund editors; access as needed to Nexis, Accurint, PACER, and libel review;and placement assistance in aprint, broadcast, or online outlet. Thanks to generous support from [Investigative Reporters & Editors](http://ire.org/), winners will also be able to attend, at no cost, the next IRE conference in Philadelphia in June 2015.

**The Investigative Fund** **at The Nation Institute** is dedicated to improving the scope and quality of investigative reporting by incubating important investigative stories with the potential for social impact. By providing reporters with editorial guidance, institutional support, and grants to cover the research costs associated with investigative journalism, The Investigative Fund has produced stories that have sparked federal indictments, lawsuits, Congressional investigations, legislation, and the resignation of public officials. Our investigations have appeared in a wide array of outlets, including NPR and PBS as well as *The Nation*, Harper’s, *The New York Times,* The New York Review of Books, Mother Jones, *Newsweek*, *Time*, *Glamour* and GQ. Our stories have also won some of journalism’s top awards, including the Polk, the National Magazine Award, and the Hillman Prize.

The **I.F. Stone Award** honors Stone’s legacy of tireless investigations into issues of vital national interest. As Washington editor of *The Nation* and founder of the legendary *I.F. Stone’s Weekly*, Stone combined his investigative zeal with a passionate commitment to exposing injustice. In 1943, after publishing an exposérevealing the questions used by the FBI to identify “subversives” among government workers ("Does he mix with Negroes? Does he… have too many Jewish friends?”), Stone became a target of FBI surveillance. His weekly publicationbecame known for offering up content that other media outlets ignored—such as obscure but revealing testimony at Congressional hearings—and for unsanitized coverage of the Vietnam War.

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HOW TO APPLY:

To be considered for the **I.F. Stone Award**, please submit the following by emailto [ifstone@investigativefund.org](mailto:ifstone@investigativefund.org) by **5 p.m. Eastern on November 24, 2014.**

**Contact information** (Name, address, telephone, email)

**Subject of research** (A short phrase)

**Story proposal** (A narrative description of your proposed topic; no more than one page)

**Originality** (A brief summary of coverage your topic has already received plus an explanation of how your investigation will advance the story)

**Reporting plan** (A detailed outline of your reporting plan, including sources you plan on using—human, documentary, data, etc.; no more than one page)

**Potential impact** (A brief explanation of what real-world impact your story could have)

**Total budget requested** (Please detail)

**Estimated completion date**

**References** (Please list names and contact information of two people familiar with your work)

**Resumé**

**Two writing samples** (Reporting is best)

Strong proposals will:

* be well-developed, with initial legwork forming a solid foundation for further reporting
* break new ground
* have the potential for significantsocial impact
* cover an area that is traditionally underreported

Before applying, we encourage you to check out investigations we have produced in the past at **theinvestigativefund.org**

And please see our website for further information: **theinvestigativefund.org/about/1560/i.f.\_stone\_award**