



## Special Call: Grants for Strategic Litigation in Asia-Pacific

In partnership with the [International Center for Not-for-Profit Law](#), [Media Defence](#) is calling for applications from lawyers and organisations based in countries in the Asia-Pacific region for grants to fund strategic litigation related to media freedom.

<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	Strategic Litigation
<b>Geographic Scope</b>	Asia-Pacific
<b>Deadline</b>	30 September 2022, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis

### Background

[Media Defence](#) is a charity, based in London, which provides legal help to journalists, citizen journalists and independent media across the world. Media Defence's vision is a world where journalists no longer face legal challenges that threaten their ability to report freely and independently on issues of public interest, allowing citizens to be better informed, able to hold those in power to account. Our mission is to ensure legal protection of journalists and media workers under threat for reporting on issues of public interest, in the belief that freedom of expression is essential.

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As part of our work to help build a strong global legal defence network for independent media, Media Defence funds strategic litigation which aims to improve the legal environment for media freedom. We support strategic litigation that covers a wide range of issues faced by the media, including restrictions introduced to limit the spread of COVID-19 that are open to abuse, internet shutdowns, the use of criminal laws to target legitimate speech, judicial harassment, the right to be forgotten, source protection, arbitrary detention and torture, and violence and impunity.

In addition to providing a grant, Media Defence can provide legal mentoring and substantive support where requested.

### How to apply

Any lawyers or interested organisations should submit their application to Sophie Gougeon ([sophie.gougeon@mediadefence.org](mailto:sophie.gougeon@mediadefence.org)). The application form is available [here](#). If you have any questions regarding this special call or our grants programme, then please contact Sophie.

Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis. Media Defence aims to respond to your application within two weeks of submission.

The final deadline to submit applications is **30 September 2022**.