

On 12 July 2017 at 17:54, Tom Whipple
<tom.whipple@thetimes.co.uk<mailto:tom.whipple@thetimes.co.uk>> wrote:

Many thanks indeed.

Best,

Tom

On Wed, 12 Jul 2017 at 17:51, Maurizio Borghi <mborghi@bournemouth.ac.uk> wrote:

Dear Tom,

Thanks for sending me the link to the WSJ, although I can't read the article as I'm not a subscriber. In any case, what the WSJ writes about me is inaccurate: the cited article has no relation with the Google Award I received in 2014. The research for that paper was funded by the European Commission and national funding agencies, as we declare in the first footnote.

As a general remark: the Google Award is not "money to pay academics". In my case at least, the award is paying part of a PhD studentship offered by my university on the issue of digitization of cultural heritage. It is true that this is a topic in which Google has a material interest (Google Books, Google Arts Project, etc.), but it is also true that the award has not prevented me from expressing very critical views on Google - such as in my co-authored book Copyright and Mass Digitization (OUP 2013) and in other journal articles.

I hope this answers your question.

Best regards

Maurizio

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To: Maurizio Borghi

Subject: The Times - Google funding request

Dear Professor Borghi,

I am working with several colleagues on an article for tomorrow's paper on a report by the Google Transparency Project into Google's funding for academic papers on topics in which the company has a material interest.

The Wall Street Journal covered it today: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/paying-professors-inside-googles-academic-influence-campaign-1499785286>

They have cited you on their database as a UK academic who received indirect funding from Google that was not declared on research papers. We understand that you received a Faculty Research Award in 2014 and that you subsequently wrote a paper about crowdsourcing copyright clearance, without declaring links to Google.

Is this accurate? And if so, is there a reason why funding was not declared? I would be grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible.

Best,

Tom

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