



The Yale Law Journal

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Volume 134 of the *Yale Law Journal* is excited to announce a new program dedicated to supporting student scholarship: *YLJ* Academic Summer Grants. These grants will provide students with a stipend to work full-time on their own academic projects for two to four weeks at the end of the summer. In addition to receiving a stipend, grantees will participate in *YLJ* programming designed to foster academic community and facilitate the exchange of peer feedback. Recognizing that many students struggle to make time for focused writing during law school, we hope these grants will give students the institutional and financial support they need to explore ideas, pursue scholarly projects, and build academic community outside of term time.

The *Yale Law Journal* invites applications via our [online form](#). Please email the Managing Editors, Beatrice Brown (beatrice.brown@yale.edu) and Deja Morehead (deja.morehead@yale.edu), if you encounter any problems using the form or have questions about the application process.

The application deadline is May 17, 2024, at 5 PM EST.

I. SUPPORT

Grantees will receive \$666.66 from *YLJ* for each week of funding, in line with the rate provided by the Law School's Summer Public Interest Fellowship (SPIF). Grantees may apply for two, three, or four weeks of funding. Longer funding periods are preferred. To facilitate synchronous programming for grantees, *YLJ* will fund work undertaken between July 22 and August 26. Applicants are free to choose their funding weeks, provided that the chosen weeks fall within that five-week window.

YLJ will provide special programming to foster community and support grantees. During the grant period, programming will include weekly virtual check-ins and facilitated exchange of peer feedback. In the fall, *YLJ* will host an event where grantees can share their experiences and present their projects. Depending on the needs and interests of grantees, *YLJ* may provide additional programming.

II. APPLICATION

Personal Statement: Please submit a statement explaining your interest in your proposed project and any relevant personal, professional, or academic background. The statement should not exceed 400 words and can be shorter.

Project Proposal: Please submit a proposal describing the academic work you would undertake during your funding period. Although this proposal can take any form, we recommend that you provide either (1) an introduction to your proposed or in-progress work, or (2) an abstract and detailed outline of the work. We also encourage you to include citations to relevant academic literature, but the citations need not comply with *The Bluebook*. The recommended length for a project proposal is three to five double-spaced pages, but there is no hard limit.

Faculty Sponsor: Please provide the name of a faculty sponsor in your application form. A faculty sponsor is any member (temporary or permanent) of the Law School faculty who is familiar with your proposed project idea. If you are proposing a completely new project, we recommend that you contact a faculty member whom you already know, provide a short description of your idea, and ask whether you can list them as a faculty sponsor. *YLJ* may contact faculty sponsors by email with a few brief questions about an application, but serving as a sponsor does not entail any other work on the part of faculty.

Anonymity: Please omit your name from your statement and proposal and include your Student ID number in the headers of both documents.¹ Please also remove metadata from your application components.² The selection committee, composed of faculty and student editors, will review applications without knowledge of applicants' names. Applicants should still feel free to discuss any relevant background in their personal statements.

III. ELIGIBILITY

This program is open to continuing J.D. students at Yale Law School. As with SPIF, funding is not available for the summer after graduation, and joint-degree students must be enrolled in the Law School for either the semester before or the semester after the grant summer to qualify.

This program is open to members and nonmembers of *YLJ*. Membership status will not advantage or disadvantage an applicant.

IV. EXPECTATIONS

Grantees are expected to work on their projects full-time during the funding period, and by accepting a grant offer, a student commits to doing so. Grantees will be required to submit a report on their work to the selection committee at the end of the summer.

Grantees are encouraged but not required to submit their work to *YLJ* as a Note, Comment, or *Forum* Essay. *YLJ* reviews all student scholarship on an anonymized basis through a separate process: if a submission has received financial support from *YLJ*, that fact will not be revealed to the scholarship committee, and the author's grantee status will not be a factor in *YLJ*'s review.

¹ Your Student ID number is the nine-digit number in the bottom-left corner of your University ID card.

² The online application form contains instructions for how to remove metadata from PDF files.