



The Yale Law Journal

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Volume 134 of the *Yale Law Journal* is excited to invite applications for the second annual Academic Summer Grants program. 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 Summer 2025. In addition to receiving a stipend, grantees will participate in *YLJ* programming designed to foster academic community and facilitate the exchange of peer feedback.

We welcome applications for projects at any stage of development, from preliminary ideas to full drafts. Recognizing that many students struggle to make time for focused research and writing during law school, we hope these grants will give students institutional and financial support to explore ideas, pursue scholarly projects, and build academic community outside of term time.

Applications should be submitted 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 October 21, 2024, at 5 PM EST.

I. SUPPORT

Grantees will receive \$666.66 from *YLJ* for each funded week, 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 21 and August 25. 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 Fall 2025, *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

Project Proposal: Please submit a proposal describing the academic work you plan to 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*.

In addition to describing the substance of your project, please include a brief section describing the stage of your project and how you plan to use the grant period (e.g., ideation and research, drafting, and/or revising). Please also include a brief section explaining how your project fits in with your broader academic or professional interests. The recommended length for a project proposal is three to five double-spaced pages (approximately 750 to 1,250 words), but there is no hard limit.

Faculty Sponsor: Please include the name of a faculty sponsor in your application form where prompted. A faculty sponsor is any member (temporary or permanent) of the Law School faculty who is familiar with your proposed project. 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. First-year students are welcome to ask their small-group professors to serve as sponsors.

Anonymity: The selection committee will review applications on an anonymized basis. Please omit your name from your project proposal, include your Student ID number in the header, and remove metadata.¹

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.

If you received a grant in Summer 2024, you are eligible to apply, but preference will be given to applicants who have not yet received a grant from *YLJ*.

This program is open to members and nonmembers of *YLJ*. Membership status will not advantage or disadvantage an applicant. Additionally, grant applications and outcomes will not affect future applications to join *YLJ* as an editor.

¹ Your Student ID number is the nine-digit number in the bottom-left corner of your Student ID card. To remove metadata, go to Document Properties in the File menu, delete your name from the Author box, click OK, and save the document.

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 *YLJ* at the end of the summer. Grantees will also be required to participate in a peer-feedback workshop in the semester following their funded 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 play a role in *YLJ*'s review of the submission.