With its rich history, vibrant academic community, accomplished students, and distinguished alumni, Yale Law School offers an extraordinary environment in which to study law. We strive to offer our students the skills, the confidence, and the courage to find fulfillment in the law.

—Robert C. Post, Dean and Sol & Lillian Goldman Professor of Law

Yale Law School offers a world-renowned faculty, small classes, opportunities for practical training, and strong encouragement of public service. Small by design, the Law School’s impact on the world is measured by its accomplished graduates, its cutting-edge scholarship, and its outreach through numerous centers and projects. For students, the experience is unparalleled. The 7.6:1 student-faculty ratio supports a vast array of courses and opportunities for independent research. Students get practical training through experiential courses and by representing real clients in clinics starting in their first year.

But the cost of providing such an exceptional education is high. Comprehensive financial aid is critical to providing access and opportunity to all of our talented students, without regard for their financial circumstances. The financial aid program supports academic-year studies, summer public interest internships, and loan repayment assistance for alumni who work in public service, government, and other positions that, while not highly paid, are essential for the common good.

Yale Law School’s distinctive approach to legal education is rooted in a commitment to academic excellence, intellectual intimacy, and egalitarianism. Excellence is expensive—intimacy demands small class sizes and egalitarianism requires access for students who have the most to gain and to offer to the community, regardless of their means. Generous support for financial aid makes this possible.

Because of the generous support of YLS alumni and friends, I enjoy more opportunities than anyone in my family. I’ve argued cases before three federal judges in class and I’ve cut my teeth on a Supreme Court amicus brief.

—Beezly Kiernan ’16
First Generation Professionals, Financial Aid Chair
Giving opportunities

**Flex-scholarship endowments**
A gift of $100,000 or more will create an endowed named flex-scholarship fund that will provide support, in perpetuity, for need-based scholarships, summer public interest fellowships, or loan forgiveness for alumni pursuing careers in the public interest.

**Expendable financial aid gifts**
An expendable gift of any amount may be designated for financial aid.

To learn more
Access Yale is a two-year, university-wide initiative in support of financial aid at Yale. The initiative seeks to build financial aid endowment across all of Yale’s schools, as well as raise current use funds that can go to work immediately to support financial aid in Yale College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the professional schools.

For more information about how you can help support Access Yale at Yale Law School, please contact:

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**Financial aid facts (2014–2015)**

$53,950  
TUITION

$78,252  
ANNUAL COST OF ATTENDANCE

$13.2 million  
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL AID AWARDED

**Scholarships (JD Students)**

$8.1 million: total scholarship aid awarded  
72%: students receiving some form of financial aid (scholarships/loans)  
59%: students receiving scholarships  
$22,824: average scholarship award  
69%: students borrowing loans  
$117,093: average law school loan debt upon graduation

**Career options assistance program (COAP)**

$4.3 million: total COAP awarded  
438: number of participants

**Summer public interest fellowships (SPIF)**

$836,000: total SPIF fellowships  
158: number of participants

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A university initiative for financial aid