YLS is able to support international academic research during the Fall term, and the Winter, Spring, and Summer recesses. This research must be for credit and under the supervision of a YLS professor.

The Streicker Fund for Student Research provides support for academic projects requiring international travel. Examples include field research, in-country interviews with relevant stakeholders, and archival research. Research trips are typically conducted during extended academic recesses (e.g., summer or winter break).

The Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fund provides support for students to engage in domestic research and pursue academic inquiry and discourse.

The Howard M. Holtzmann Fund in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution is devoted to the study of arbitration, conciliation, and other means of dispute resolution for issues of public and commercial international law. The Fund supports international and domestic academic projects, most notably (in order of preference) grants for current doctoral students preparing dissertations on relevant topics and for current JD students who wish to pursue special research projects in relevant subject areas.

DEADLINES and APPLICATION are available at:

1. **Am I eligible?**
   a. All registered YLS students are eligible: JD, LLM, and SJD. You must, however, be returning to YLS following your research travel.

2. **May I apply more than once?**
   a. The general rule is “one bite at the apple” for any given fund. Nonetheless, you may reapply should you be continuing to be working on the same topic as your previous award, provided it requires more research. Priority, however, is given to first time applicants, and any additional award you might receive might not cover the full request.
3. **May I apply together with my research partner(s)?**
   a. You may submit joint applications. In your proposals, you must explain the reasons for the joint project and the research component each individual is undertaking. Your budgets should align and, if possible, reflect economies (e.g. share accommodations, ground transport).

4. **What expenses are covered?**
   a. Eligible expenses include air/rail transport, ground transport, reasonably priced accommodations, and necessary expenses related to research such as reasonable translation and/or interpretation costs, archive fees, and/or existing data sets.
      i. For air transport, only the lowest published economy fare is covered, pursuant to Yale University rules (https://your.yale.edu/policies-procedures/policies/3301-travel-university-business#3301.1).
   b. Ineligible expenses include meals, technical equipment, conference travel and registration fees, courses/training, and entertainment.
   c. “Reasonable” is established by the market and may vary. You are responsible for undertaking the necessary research to support your request.

5. **What is the average amount awarded?**
   a. There is no average amount, as the length and location of research is quite variable. Generally, awards cover 90% of all eligible costs.

6. **Who can supervise the research?**
   a. Any YLS faculty member, including visiting faculty, clinical faculty, and lecturers. Visiting faculty, however, must be able to review and award credit for the work that required the research.

7. **What are eligible research projects?**
   a. Any research you are doing that will receive credit is eligible. This may be the Supervised Analytic Writing (SAW) or Substantial Paper connected to seminars, courses, or independent research and writing under YLS supervision. Other projects may also be appropriate if under YLS faculty supervision for credit.
      b. **NOTE BENE:** All projects involving human subjects must first be submitted to and reviewed by Yale University's Human Subjects Committee. Please refer to https://your.yale.edu/sites/default/files/studentprojects3_10.pdf.

8. **How many credits must I earn?**
   a. Provided the research is being supervised by YLS faculty for credit. The credit may be graded or ungraded.

9. **What counts as “human subject research?”**
   a. A human subject is a living person about whom you receive identifiable private information through either a direct interaction with the person or through access to private data sources.
10. **What is an IRB/Human Subjects Committee?**
   a. Yale University policy requires that all research projects involving human subjects be reviewed by an institutional review board (IRB) prior to the start of the study to ensure that the project meets University requirements and any applicable regulations. The Human Subjects Committee (HSC) is one of the University IRBs which reviews non-biomedical research projects. Please refer to this link for further information: https://your.yale.edu/sites/default/files/studentprojects3_10.pdf

11. **What should be included in my proposal?**
   a. Your proposal is a 2 to 3-page description of your project. In it you will explain:
      i. What the project topic is
      ii. Why are undertaking this research
      iii. Why the travel is necessary
      iv. How you will accomplish your research (methodology)
      v. How this project ties in with your legal education
      vi. What the anticipated final work product is
   b. We ask that you situate your research question in the relevant literature by providing a short literature review: citations to the leading cases (if appropriate, books, and articles with which your research engages.
   c. We also ask for a provisional schedule of interviews, visits to archives etc.
      i. Term breaks often coincide with vacation periods; we want to make sure you can successfully and efficiently accomplish your research. Please verify that the people and places you wish to visit will be present and available.

12. **What should be included in the budget?**
   a. You should include as separate line items your estimated amounts for all eligible expenses. Provide printouts of supporting documents for estimates (e.g., printouts of airfare quotes, hotel rates, etc.).

13. **What should be included in my professor’s recommendation?**
   a. The recommendation should confirm that s/he will be supervising this research for credit. S/he should also reflect on the research question, including its importance, contribution, etc., the necessity of travel, your qualifications, and its feasibility.
      i. Email is fine, and the recommendation can be concise.

14. **When may I travel?**
   a. Typically, travel should be during school breaks: Winter, Spring, and Summer. During the Fall term, or any other time, you should strive not to miss your classes. In the event missing class is unavoidable, you must receive advance permission from your professors and make arrangements for notes or recordings so that you can make up the class.

15. **How long must I stay?**
   a. The length of stay depends on your research needs. Be realistic. Should you wish to travel/stay longer for reasons unrelated to your research, please disclose this in your proposal.
16. **Where do I find travel information?**
   a. We suggest you use Google Flights, Kayak, or other air fare search engines.

17. **Am I covered by insurance?**

18. **I’ve never been to this country, but I want to do research there. What should I do?**
   a. In general you should learn about your destination. You can find some guidance at [http://world-toolkit.yale.edu/resources-topic/travel/orientations/grad-prof/planning](http://world-toolkit.yale.edu/resources-topic/travel/orientations/grad-prof/planning)

19. **I don’t speak the language. Am I still eligible?**
   a. Yes, if your research in this country is necessary for your project.
   b. However, language barriers are real and may hamper your research. Do bear in mind that meaning is often lost in interpretation and translation and can be costly in terms of time and money. Local cultural and societal knowledge, which may be relevant to your research, is rarely accessible without language competency.
   c. Lack of language ability should be seriously considered in developing your research project and any gaps addressed in your proposal.

20. **I am concerned about safety and security. What precautions should I take?**

21. **When will I receive the funds?**
   a. Awards are typically made on a reimbursement basis. In other words, you will be reimbursed for approved expenses upon timely submission of original receipts. In certain cases, an advance payment may be possible with sufficient prior notice. Award letters will clarify relevant details.

22. **What are the reporting requirements?**
   a. The reporting requirements are described in the award letter. You are expected to comply with them. Streicker scholars are expected to attend the annual dinner (held in April) with Mr. Streicker.