

For the 2017-2018 academic year, we are pleased to offer you a three-part financial aid package consisting of:

- academic-year assistance;
- the opportunity to participate in our Summer Public Interest Fellowship program (SPIF);
- the opportunity to participate in the Career Options Assistance Program (COAP), our post-graduate loan forgiveness program.

## **I. Academic Year Assistance**

Please note that these loan amounts are based on our estimated budget. You are not required to take out this amount in loans. We encourage you to think carefully about your expenses and only apply for the amount of loans that you will need.

Funds are conditional upon you carrying the minimum credits required by Yale Law School and maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

Note - we have included your loan origination fees in the financial aid award, but excluded those fees from your need based aid calculation. These fees were calculated at their present rate at the time of our aid award review but are subject to change

If you have not already been scheduled for the maximum Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, you may be able to borrow up to \$20,500 to replace certain resources or replace any of your budget not already covered by other scholarships or loans. If you need student loans in addition to this \$20,500, you may apply for a Federal Direct GradPLUS Loan.

## **II. Summer Public Interest Fellowships (SPIF)**

Yale Law School supports one of the most expansive programs of summer public interest work in the law school world. In the summer of 2016, we provided fellowships for over 190 students to work in government and non-profit organizations across the United States and around the world.

Eligibility for SPIF is based on financial need. Students who are receiving financial aid grants from the Law School are automatically eligible for summer funding in the form of grants. Students who are not eligible or have chosen not to apply for aid may also be eligible on a case-by-case basis. Students may receive SPIF grants for two summers.

The first part of the SPIF application will be due in February 2018. For more information about SPIF, eligible jobs, and application procedures, please see the [SPIF website](#).

### III. Career Options Assistance Program (COAP)

Yale Law School has one of the most distinctive, generous, and flexible loan forgiveness programs available: the Career Options Assistance Program (COAP). The goal of COAP is to insure that law school debt does not dictate our graduates' career choices. It functions, in effect, as a "back-end scholarship": the Law School provides assistance to graduates based on their financial situation after graduation. In 2015, Yale Law School provided over \$5.1 million in loan payments to more than 455 alumni through COAP. It is also remarkably flexible; unlike many schools' loan forgiveness programs, does not require employment within a specific or narrow field. For more information about COAP, please see the [COAP website](#) or the [COAP Policy and Procedure Manual for Students Admitted post 9/1/11](#).

### IV. Next Steps

Our website includes detailed instructions on [completing the financial aid application](#) process and [accepting your aid award](#). You may also reference this same information in our [JD Financial Aid Handbook](#) on our [Forms](#) page.

Please note that the deadline for submitting any pending required documents (described in the instructions) is **May 5, 2017**. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Your financial aid proceeds will be posted to your student account on Registration Day, provided that you have submitted the required documents and completed an online Master Promissory Note and Entrance Interview for your loans via the Student Information System (SIS). Refunds in excess of tuition and required fees will be available for you to withdraw from your account after the first day of classes (August 28, 2017). Additional billing and payment information is available on our [website](#) and on the [Student Financial and Administrative Services website](#).

Have an enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you in August and to helping you throughout your years at Yale.

For more information about Yale Law School's complete Financial Aid Policies, please visit our website at <https://www.law.yale.edu/admissions/cost-financial-aid>

To see a list of outside scholarships, please visit our website at: <https://www.law.yale.edu/admissions/cost-financial-aid/financial-aid-forms-resources/outside-scholarships>