

FAQ – Clerkship Interview Travel

COAP Eligible Loans

- For federal Clerkships, this loan support operates within the schedule of the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan.
- Clerkship Travel Loans will support documented transportation costs specific to Clerkship interviews. Eligible transportation costs include air, train, bus or car (mileage only) travel. Any additional interview costs (accommodations, food, etc.) are not covered by this loan.
- The loans will be offered to 2L and 3L students only.
- Students will have eligibility to borrow \$2,000 maximum during their enrollment.
- To apply for the Clerkship Travel Loan, students will need to complete a Budget Revision Form from the Financial Aid Office with the following:
 - documentation of the interview (i.e. email or correspondence either inviting or confirming student's attendance at interview)
 - documentation of the travel costs incurred (receipts for plane, train and bus, submission of car mileage via Google maps (or some alternative) for reimbursement at current Federal mileage reimbursement rate, currently 58 cents per mile)
- The additional borrowing for the Clerkship Travel Loan will be in the form of an increased Graduate Plus Loan or Yale Graduate and Professional International Loan. Those students who have opted to borrow private loans (non Grad PLUS or LGPI) will need to consult with their private lenders regarding additional borrowing capabilities.

In referencing funding for interview travel, we want to remind students that the Career Development Office offers its TRI PI (Travel Reimbursement for Interviews in the Public Interest) program to 2Ls, 3Ls and LLMs who must travel to conduct a public interest interview. Eligible travel and lodging can be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$800 per academic year through the TRI PI program. In addition, support is available to students traveling to specific public interest career fairs (Equal Justice Works and NYU Public Interest Legal Career Fairs). Contact CDO prior to traveling for program requirements.

Please direct any questions regarding the Clerkship Interview Travel Loans to financialaid.law@yale.edu