

# Grants and Funding Opportunities in Law

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While this page is oriented towards law, you will also want to look at the Grants and Funding Information Service's [webpage](http://www.lib.washington.edu/gfis/) (<http://www.lib.washington.edu/gfis/>), especially its list of [web-based resources](http://www.lib.washington.edu/gfis/resources/webstuff.html) (<http://www.lib.washington.edu/gfis/resources/webstuff.html>). These resources can be used to secure all types of funding, from tuition support to post-doctoral work.

## Useful Print Sources

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The following titles are housed in the GFIS area (ask at the Suzzallo Reference desk). Titles are given first, with the call numbers following. Books are for in-library use only; users may photocopy desired sections at copy machines nearby.

### **Scholarship money (to help with tuition costs, books, living expenses, etc.)**

*Dan Cassidy's Worldwide Graduate Scholarship Directory*

LB 2337.2 C36 2000

*Cash for Grad School*

LB 2337.4 M2855 2004

*How to Pay for Your Law Degree*

KF 287 S35 2004

*Money for Graduate Students in the Social & Behavioral Sciences*

LB 2337.2 M667 2001/2003

### **Money for Research**

*The Annual Register of Grant Support: A Directory of Funding Sources 2001*

HJ 275 A65 2006 (look in the Subject Index under "law" where there are cross-references and subheadings)

*Directory of Research Grants*

LB 2338 D57 2006

*Environmental Grantmaking Foundations*

GE80 .E58 2000 (look under "Law/regulation" or other topics related to environmental law issues)

### **Specifically for women and minorities**

*Directory of Financial Aids for Minorities*

LB 2338 D56 1995/97

*Directory of Financial Aids for Women*

LB 2338 D564 2005/2007

## Writing the Proposal and the Research Funding Process

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You will find many web resources at the GFIS websites' [Proposal-Writing Resources](http://www.lib.washington.edu/gfis/resources/proposals.html) page (<http://www.lib.washington.edu/gfis/resources/proposals.html>). Below are examples of books available in the GFIS Collection in the Suzzallo Reference area:

*Proposal Planning and Writing*

HG 177.5 U6 M56 1998

*Proposals that Work*

Q 180.55 P7 L63 2000

## Web Resources

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The American Bar Association has a Law Student Division that provides some links to funding resources on the web. Their page can be found at <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/loans.html>. There is also a specific link for minority students, which can be found at <http://www.abanet.org/minorities/links/students.html>.

The Fulbright program offers a number of opportunities for International work and research. For more information visit <http://www.cies.org>

The Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) at Columbia Law School awards grants to public interest law projects. <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/pilf/grants.html>

The Supreme Court of the United States, Judicial Fellows Commission seeks outstanding individuals who are interested in working in the District of Columbia within the federal judiciary. <http://www.fellows.supremecourtus.gov/apply.html>

The Littleton-Griswold Grant supports research in U.S. legal history and in the general field of law and society. Grants are intended to further research in progress and may be used, for example, for travel to a library or archive, for microfilms, for photographs, or for photocopying. <http://www.historians.org/prizes/Littleton-GriswoldGrantInfo.htm>

The United States Institute for Peace accepts unsolicited grants from individuals that support its general mandate, which focuses on preventing, managing, and resolving violent conflict and promoting post-conflict peace building outside the borders of the U.S. <http://www.usip.org/grants/unsolicited.html>

Grants by the Northwest Fund for the Environment are from an endowment designated to be spent promoting change in the uses of natural resources which will increase their protection and preservation in the state of Washington. <http://www.nwfund.org/Information.htm>

The University of Michigan Law School has a long list of supplemental financial aid possibilities for law school students. This list can be found at: <http://www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/financialaid/suppres/index.htm>.

Michigan State University also has a listing of scholarship opportunities for law students: <http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3law.htm>

The Law School Admission Council offers a general walk-through of the financial aid process. They can be found at: <http://www.lsac.org/LSAC.asp?url=lsac/financial-aid-introduction.asp>.

These are just some of the resources and opportunities available on-line. Many of the individual opportunities were found with the aid of the funding databases available to University of Washington Students.

## Funding Databases

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The UW Libraries subscribe to two funding resource databases. These can be used on campus, or remotely by logging in to the UW Libraries proxy server with your UW NetID. Both databases can be accessed from the GFIS homepage at [www.lib.washington.edu/gfis](http://www.lib.washington.edu/gfis)

[Grant Select](#) contains over 9,600 active federal and private funding opportunities in all disciplines. *UW Restricted*

[Community of Science \(COS\)](#) contains over 20,000 opportunities in all disciplines from federal and private sources. *UW Restricted*

Both of these databases allow searching with free-text terms and also using a controlled vocabulary. Here are some controlled vocabulary "keywords" you might want to try initially:

<b>COS</b>	<b>Grant Select</b>
Law has its own folder of keywords in COS. Select the whole folder, or search the subtopics for specific areas of law.	Law
	Law Enforcement
	Law and Social Change
	Law and Society
	Law, History of

Additional tips on searching the funding databases can be found on the GFIS website at: <http://www.lib.washington.edu/gfis/graduate/gfisres.html>.

For questions about any of these resources or to make a consultation appointment, contact that Grants and Funding Information office at 206-616-3084 or via email at [gfis@u.washington.edu](mailto:gfis@u.washington.edu).