

## Question 1

### **If you are a part time student with a disability are you still eligible for student aid and scholarships?**

The University of Alberta Faculty of Law strives to attract and retain qualified students with disabilities by meeting students' needs and providing services that help to equalize educational and funding opportunities for students. With respect to student aid, scholarships and bursaries:

- Disabled students who are part time and carry at least 40% course load and are registered with SSDS are indeed eligible for Faculty of Law bursary and scholarship consideration.
- For information and/ or to register with Specialized Support and Disability Services (SSDS). Click link for more information on SSDS' resources, registration, awards and bursaries: <http://www.sds.ualberta.ca/>.
- For additional information, please contact Assistant Dean Melissa Hartley or Student Services

## Question 2

### **I am an out- of-province student. Am I advantaged or disadvantaged relative to students from Alberta for prizes, awards or support from the Faculty of Law?**

The Faculty of Law has undertaken a robust review of funding support for out-of-province students and is working to ensure that out-of-province students are not disadvantaged in the Faculty of Law's bursary processes.

- The [Alberta Law Foundation \(ALF\)](#) policy is that the funding it provides the Faculty of Law is available only to Alberta residents. Click link for more information on the various scholarships and bursaries available via the Office of the Registrar, including the ALF Entrance Bursary: (<https://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/ro.cfm?id=536>).
- As the majority of our students are Alberta residents and eligible for ALF funds, ***the Faculty of Law is able to earmark significant differential fee support to out for our out-of-province students. This has enabled us to award essentially the same size of bursary to out of province as it does to Albertans and ensures that out- of-province students are not disadvantaged in the Faculty of Law's bursary processes.***
- The Faculty of Law's Prizes and Awards financial assessment processes have grown and developed over time as the law school strives to ensure equality for the broad diversity of financial backgrounds that our students bring.
- Last year we awarded over \$1.1M in scholarships and bursaries to students. Many of these awards specifically identify financial need as an important criterion for consideration.
- The additional investment in scholarships and bursaries that the market modifier proposal would permit will allow this to be further advanced and developed. As noted, the proposal commits 20% of additional funds to scholarship and bursary support. In this way the Faculty of Law strives to demonstrate further our commitment to access for students.

- We also strive to ensure that students are able to access funds and financial support about which they may not otherwise be aware. Please make an appointment to see Gloria Strathern in Student Services for a confidential discussion of your particular circumstances. She is able to assist both entering students and upper year students with their questions and to direct you to additional resources if required.

### Question 3

#### **Where will the additional funds be invested if the market modifier proposal is passed?**

- As the Dean noted during the LSA Town Hall, he has been working with the LSA to develop and refine a list of priority investments that would align with student requests and Faculty needs.
- These include:
  - 20% of additional funds to scholarships and bursaries with a special focus on increasing needs-based assistance for low-income students, students with dependents, and students from historically disadvantaged groups;
  - Hiring a Senior Career Services Officer and a Junior Career Services Officer to enhance and develop a more robust and effective suite of career services supports for students in an increasingly competitive legal market;
  - Investing in the expansion of experiential learning opportunities, hiring an Academic Director, Coordinator, and Administrative Assistant;
  - Hiring a Psychologist/Mental Health and Wellness Officer (0.5);
  - Funding graduating student bursaries for those committing to public service/rural/underserved practice areas;
  - Hiring an additional admissions officer;
  - Hiring an additional Financial Aid officer for students;
  - Hiring a Director of Student Services;
  - Keeping the law library open in the summer;
  - Restoring the professoriate to 2009 levels (7.5 positions)

The total cost for fully implementing this plan is forecast at \$3,517,372 annually. When fully phased in by 2017-18 (as shown in the attached rate analysis slide presented at the Dean's Town Hall), the new differential fees available to the Faculty (the Student Support Allocation and the Faculty Allocation portions) would total \$2,536,168, leaving an annual shortfall of \$981,204.

The LSA plans to survey law students on their priorities for investment and will continue consultations with the Dean about the results and implementation if market modifier funds become available.

#### **Question 4**

##### **What is the “Central Allocation” referred to on the Dean’s Rate Analysis slide?**

Twenty percent of the additional market modifier fees are allocated to the university’s central administration. When fully phased in by 2017-18 (as shown in the attached rate analysis slide presented at the Dean’s Town Hall), the new differential fees available to the Central Administration would total \$1,111,372. The LSA has expressed its concern about this and has asked that a “portion of the allocation to central administration should instead be re-allocated to either the Faculty or the Faculty’s student services department.” The university’s central administration, and not the Dean, controls the percentage allocation.