**JD Grants Committee 2025-2026**

**Other Funding Sources for Student Events**

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For some local events, the JD Grants Committee encourages organizers to seek funding from additional sources. These events include symposia, conferences, seminars, and other events that may cost more than the committee can fund on its own. Occasionally, it is possible to find outside funding for travel, particularly to provide pro bono services.

UW-Madison has very strict rules regarding fundraising and the use of UW trademarks. Student organizations must follow state laws regarding fundraising and charitable activities. If your organization is considering a fundraising activity, including selling merchandise or approaching law firms or other non-campus organizations/entities for support, you must consult *in advance* with the following staff for guidance and approval.

* Law firm and non-campus organization funding requests:

Jini Jasti, Associate Dean for External Affairs, at [jini.jasti@wisc.edu](mailto:jini.jasti@wisc.edu)

* All other fundraising activities, including selling branded merchandise or other items: Carlie Wiseley, Student Life & Engagement Manager, at [carlie.wiseley@wisc.edu](mailto:carlie.wiseley@wisc.edu)

\*Please note that ALL fundraising activities that take place in the Law School must be approved by Carlie Wiseley.

You can review some of the UW System policies and applicable state laws on the [Student Organization Resource & Policy Guide.](https://guide.cfli.wisc.edu/finances/) Please note that this guide is not comprehensive, and students should still consult one of the staff members listed above.

The JD Grants Committee is the only funding source within the Law School for student events except for the Student Bar Association and other law student organizations. Do not seek additional funding from Law School programs, departments, faculty, or administrators. Any amount received from these other Law School sources will be subtracted from the grant approved by the committee.

The following list provides the additional or alternate sources most commonly used to fund events sponsored by UW law students. This list is not complete, but it does indicate the range of sources available.

Be sure to check with each source you contact about limitations on the use of funds. For example, some funding sources will not allow you to take donations, sell tickets, or charge other admission fees. Some sources do not provide funding for activities in which students earn academic credit. Some sources will not pay for food and beverages, and most sources will not pay for alcohol.

1. **Funding Sources in the Law School**

* Student Bar Association (SBA)
* Partner with another student organization to host your event and split costs

1. **Funding Sources on the UW Campus**

* Please visit the [Student Organization Resource & Policy Guide, Campus Funding Sources](https://guide.cfli.wisc.edu/finances/) for a list of grants available to Registered Student Organizations

1. **Other Funding Sources**

*\*Remember that you must contact Carlie Wiseley or Dean Jasti for approval of any fundraising activities BEFORE you contact any non-campus organizations or order any items to be sold.*

* Ticket sales and/or registration fees
* Community organizations
* State Bar of Wisconsin
* Cash gifts, donations, or gifts in kind
* Merchandise sales