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Competition Details

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Application Information

Application Title:	Grad Program Fees - Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)
Application ID:	8900
Submission Date:	05/2/2025 4:43 PM

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Department/Unit:	Law Instruction
Type of Fee:	Program Fee
Fee Name:	Grad Program Fees - Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)
Fee Applies To:	All students in above-referenced program
Effective Term:	Fall 2026
Residents Proposed Fee Amount:	27815
Non-Res Proposed Fee Amount:	32928
Residents Existing Fee Amount:	26490

Non-Res Existing Fee Amount:	31360
Year Fee Approved:	2016
Existing Fee UA Account Number:	2559102
Purpose:	The fee change requested is only in amount - the purpose of the fee and objectives remain the same as the proposal submitted in 2016 and 2024. As a highly-regulated professional program, our accreditation process mandates significant resource inputs and quality checks to ensure a high quality experience for students in all programs. The fee allows us to maintain an outstanding legal education for all students. The program fee revenue continues to be applied to improve the College's library and research materials, student affairs areas, career and professional development opportunities, and increase the course offerings and focus areas to meet student demands. Additionally, the cost of instruction also includes the amount of individual, student-focused time faculty spend with each student, research and instructional facilities, administration, and student support funds necessary to make all law programs successful.
Justification:	For nearly 10 years, the AJD program has charged the same low fixed program fee which is now far below almost all of our competitor schools. As such, we initiated and received approval for a modest 3% fee increase effective fall term 2024 and 5% fee increase effective fall term 2025. We are planning to continue with modest and steady adjustments, as such a requested fee increase of 5%, to keep our competitive price advantage, while accounting for increased staffing and teaching expenses, including our recently enhanced array of curricular offerings. The expenses include but are not limited to personnel to 48%, and other expenses to 17%. The other expenses include operational expenses (advertising, communication, licenses, printing, office supplies, building repairs and maintenance, meetings & events, training/workshops, etc), Program Support (Student Affairs Support, Academic advising, law clinic programs, etc), Student Support expenses (student travel, professional and career development, student engagement, etc), and Other expenses (library collections, subscriptions, and research materials, memberships/dues, etc). The Budget table does not balance because despite the requested increases, program expenses will not be fully covered by the academic fees collected. Year over year our programmatic costs exceed our revenues and must be supplemented. Budget packets represent current known costs of the program with the expectation that additional sources will be needed/utilized.
Student Consultation:	The Student Bar Association (SBA) serves as the law-school student government

and represents and supports Arizona Law students. At the end of the 2025-2026 Academic School Year, the SBA's Executive Board met to discuss the proposed 5% fee increase for the 2026-2027 academic year. In collaboration with the SBA leadership, the college offered multiple forums for student consultation regarding the proposed fee increase: (1) the Interim Dean presented to and discussed with the Student Bar Association House of Delegates on April 14, 2025 (2) a general forum during the lunch hour with the Interim Dean for students to discuss questions and concerns on April 22, 2025 (3) a morning social forum with the Interim Dean and other administrative deans on April 23, 2025 (4) scheduled office hours with the Interim Dean on April 30, 2025, and (5) an invitation to schedule one-on-one meetings with the Interim Dean if these times did not work for a student. The discussions across these forums focused on the low cost of the JD program, particularly in comparison to our competitor schools, and the inflationary pressures to maintain current student services. Approximately 70 students across all consultation points. No student expressed direct opposition. Realistically, no student expressed direct support for increasing their tuition. They did express understanding and agreement that a 5% increase is necessary for the College of Law to maintain existing services in the face of inflationary pressures.

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Budget Template - AJD**ANNUAL INCOME**

Item	Amount
Fee Amount (term) - Resident	27,815
Number of Payees - Resident	3
Fee Amount (term) - Non-resident	32,928
Number of Payees - Non-resident	22
Estimated Gross Revenue	807,861
Estimated Net Revenue	796,179

Date Completed:**5.1.25****ANNUAL EXPENSES**

Item	Amount	Percent Used	Notes
Financial Aid Set-Aside (FAS)	11,682	14% *	
Tuition Waivers (scholarships)	-	0%	
Personnel	385,000	48%	
Operational Expenses	60,000	8%	
Program Support	50,000	6%	
Student Support	15,000	2%	
Other Operating Expenses	10,000	1%	
Total Expenses (after FAS)	520,000	65%	

Notes:

* = Only resident have their fee broken out in tuition and program fee and Financial Aid Set-Aside (FAS) is only charged over the program fee portion. So no FAS has been calculated for non-resident students.

Market Pricing Comparison				
Institution	Degree	Annual Price (TUITION + MANDATORY FEES (FULL TIME & ANNUAL))		
		Resident	Non-resident	Online
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	21,804	38,040	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	26,612	31,482	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA - CHAPEL HILL	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	31,562	54,800	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	32,512	53,759	N/A
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	32,634	48,682	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	37,232	53,928	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	38,236	56,822	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - COLLEGE PARK	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	38,183	55,339	N/A
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	43,070	47,812	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	42,165	52,165	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	50,914	60,730	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - DAVIS	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	57,409	69,654	N/A
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	57,556	57,556	N/A
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - LOS ANGELES	Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)*	61,734	73,979	N/A

*Or Equivalent Degree