

## PROGRAM FEE MODIFICATION

University: **University of Arizona**                      College: **James E. Rogers College of Law**  
 Program: **Masters of Law (LLM) & Doctor of Judicial Science (SJD)**

**Graduate X**                      Undergraduate                       Upper Division                       Lower Division                       Both

<b>New</b>	\$..... (Proposed)	<b>Fall 2016</b> (Effective Date)	<b>Proposed fee to be applied as:</b> Per Term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Per Academic Year</b>
<b>Existing</b>	<b>\$26,000-fixed annual (excluding mandatory fees)</b> (Proposed)	<del>\$26,000-fixed 2013</del> (Current) (Year Approved)	<b>Proposed fee to be applied:</b> <b>X Fall X Spring</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/> Winter
			<b>Date Submitted:</b> 11/2015

### Rationale for Request (~100 words)

The Academic Program Review conducted in Fall 2012 praised the College of Law's International Trade and Business Law (ITBL) and Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy (IPLP) Masters of Laws (LLM) and Doctor of Judicial Science (SJD) programs, declaring that they "contribute significantly" to our national and international reputation. All ABOR approved College of Law professional degree programs are currently offered under a flat/fixed tuition/fees cost structure, providing students with more transparency and predictability in managing their cost of education. Tuition/program fees should be charged at **\$26,000/per year plus mandatory fees** for full-time enrollment. LLM students generally complete the program in one year, and students in the SJD program generally take 24 units the first year and then drop down to a pro-rated 1-3 units per semester while they complete their dissertation. Students will be **charged the pro-rated fixed tuition/fees (\$866.67 per credit) plus mandatory fees after the first year of study**. Mandatory fees for centralized student services are assessed to all students in addition to tuition/fees, as approved by the Arizona Board of Regents. Separating mandatory fees from the College of Law's total cost of tuition/fees will ensure these central services are adequately funded. **No change in Law tuition or fees.**

### Compliance with Board Guidelines (~250 words)

**Quality of Student Experience:** Both the International Trade and the Indigenous Peoples programs have been singled out for praise for the quality experience they offer students. Both programs enroll small classes as part of a curricular model based on intensive faculty-student interaction.

**Access and Affordability:** Maintaining tuition/fees at \$26,000/fixed per year for LLM and SJD students will allow us to deliver increased value as well as greater transparency in our pricing, while maintaining an outstanding legal education for all students. Since this is a professional program, no financial set aside funds will be awarded; scholarship funds may be available.

**Cost of Instruction:** The LLM and SJD programs operate as integrated programs, sharing and leveraging many of the same costs of instruction. Tuition funding 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. The costs 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. There are cost efficiencies in that the library costs are already fixed and there is significant overlap in courses, administrative costs, materials and operating costs from the existing JD and all other legal programs.

**Increased Earnings Potential of Program Graduates:** Graduates of the International Trade and Indigenous Peoples programs face very different employment markets. The International Trade graduates primarily seek employment outside the U.S., a growing sector of the market. Graduates of the Indigenous Peoples program are split between seeking employment within the U.S. and abroad. The success of IPLP LLM and SJD graduates is demonstrated by the fact that more than 90% of them are employed. More than 50% of the graduates earning the IPLP LLM and SJD degrees enter public service (as opposed to 10% of law graduates in general), making it important to keep student debt load upon graduation at a manageable level.

### Student Consultation (~100 words)

The College of Law's recent fixed tuition from Fall 2014 received a lot of interest, praise and support from students and the broader legal community. Arizona Law students are concerned about the cost of legal education, which is why they support the College of Law's effort to maintain a flat/fixed tuition pricing. At the same time they recognize that resources are required to maintain excellence. Students therefore understand that mandatory fees are a required part of attendance for all students, and that the fees and revenue collected are held centrally in order to maintain UA student services. Separating mandatory fees from the College of Law's flat/fixed tuition ensures that more tuition revenue is available for vital program needs.

**MARKET PRICING (~200) Board of Regents Peers – 2015-16 Pricing**

<b>SJD programs:</b>	<b>Tuition and Fees</b>
University of California, LA	\$53,661
U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	\$53,343
University of California, Davis	\$49,450
U of Minnesota-Twin Cities	\$49,000
UNC Chapel Hill	\$44,618
Ohio State University	\$44,081
U of Wisconsin-Madison	\$33,500
Michigan State University	\$32,400
U of Texas at Austin	\$28,746
<b>University of Arizona</b>	<b>\$26,000 / \$1,022 fees</b>
University of Maryland	\$26,256
University of Iowa	\$22,179
University of Florida	\$19,266
University of Washington	\$18,981
<b>LLM programs:</b>	
University of Oklahoma LLM	\$36,152
ASU LLM	\$28,374
<b>UA LLM</b>	<b>\$26,000 / \$1,022 fees</b>
University of Tulsa LLM	\$21,630
University of Kansas	\$17,303

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Proposed Annual Revenue**

Program Fee	\$	26,000
Number of Students	#	~40
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>1,040,000</b>

**Proposed Annual Expenditures**

Administrative Charge (14.38%; 12.38% RCM tax + 2% SI)	\$	149,500
Institutional and Advising Personnel	\$	550,000
Support Staff Expense	\$	150,000
Operating Expenses/Student Services and Support, other	\$	190,500
<b>Total Program Costs</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>1,040,000</b>