LEAD THE WAY
NYU SCHOOL OF LAW
Leading the Way

Today, more than 180 years since our founding, NYU School of Law continues to define—and redefine—legal education. We lead the way as a preeminent institution engaged in the world’s most consequential issues, providing students with an extraordinarily valuable education that prepares them for careers that truly make an impact.

When asked about the Law School, our students and alumni describe our tradition of academic excellence, our proficiency in anticipating societal changes, and our desire to further the public good. Collectively, our students, faculty, alumni, and friends create and sustain an energizing community that bridges academic disciplines and extends far beyond our physical campus.

As a pacesetter in legal education, NYU Law has long been both a source of influential ideas and a creator of innovative programs that prepare students to make an impact. We pioneered a comprehensive clinical and advocacy program as well as a global approach to teaching in order to prepare our students for an increasingly connected world.

We created the nation’s premier training ground for public service and an innovative scholarship program for students interested in the intersection of law and business.

Now more than ever, the potential is great and the need is critical for our graduates to use all that they have learned at NYU Law to change our world for the better. Dynamic, diverse, and distinguished, our school remains committed to the value, adaptability, and versatility of a great legal education. From building and nurturing a unique and multitalented student community to connecting our graduates with potential careers that span professions, industries, and geographies, we have the opportunity and responsibility to be at the forefront of legal education.

“No matter what you want to do with your NYU Law degree, you know it stands for excellence. It’s an honor to know that you’ve entered this elite group who are the decision-makers, policymakers, and practitioners on the cutting edge.”

Emmanuelle Henry LLM ’15

NYU Law’s Tradition of Innovation

1835
NYU Law is founded.

1890
Women are admitted for the first time.
Innovative excellence is a hallmark of NYU Law. We admitted women decades before many of our peers did, and when other institutions turned away the disadvantaged, we welcomed them to join our community. In recent decades, we have recruited a world-class faculty of thought leaders, built state-of-the-art facilities, and set high admissions standards to secure our position among the top institutions in the nation.

Now, with your help, we will fortify our engagement with substantial issues through meaningful scholarship, public service, and advocacy. We will further strengthen our interdisciplinary programs and activities to create a learning environment that fosters technological and intellectual innovation. We will make significant investments in our students—providing them with not only the financial resources to pursue an excellent legal education but also the additional support services to enable them to thrive. We are optimistic about the opportunity, but only with your partnership can we achieve our goals. We look forward, with your support, to ensuring that NYU Law graduates tomorrow’s leaders.

Ideas Make an Impact

NYU Law’s reputation for academic excellence is grounded in the scholarship of our faculty, who are deeply influential within the legal academy and beyond. Our faculty generate ideas that matter. They are leaders in a wide range of disciplines, actively engaged as theorists, practitioners, policymakers, and commentators. They pursue issues that are before courts and regulatory agencies; testify before legislatures; serve on commissions; and advise government entities, NGOs, and other organizations. Students reap the benefits as faculty members draw on their research and real-world experience in the classroom.

Ten colloquia at NYU Law feature the most eminent figures in legal circles discussing their latest work on topics as diverse as legal and constitutional history, global and comparative law, and tax policy. And the Law School’s more than 30 research centers regularly reach across disciplines and demographics to create a deeper understanding of today’s complex issues in areas such as technological innovation, corporate governance, law and security, and human rights and global justice.

1951
The Root-Tilden Scholarship Program (now called Root-Tilden-Kern) is founded.

1968
The Black Allied Law Students Association (BALSA) is established at NYU Law.

1981
NYU Law’s clinical and advocacy programs are pioneered by Professor Anthony Amsterdam.

“NYU Law has done an amazing job of creating a world where people with different goals for the law come together and learn. We are better at being lawyers because we understand why other people might want to be lawyers, too.”
Riane Harper ’17
Furman Public Policy Scholar
Ideas forged at NYU Law engage with and influence the most pressing issues of our time. Our scholars are asking the important questions, working to find solutions to today’s most intractable problems, and anticipating tomorrow’s challenges.

**SPOTLIGHT ON CENTERS**

- The **Center on the Administration of Criminal Law** is dedicated to defining good government practices in criminal prosecutions and improving prosecution practice through research, litigation, and the improvement of public policy.

- The **Institute for Policy Integrity** is a nonpartisan think tank dedicated to improving the quality of government decision-making; producing original scholarly research in the fields of economics, law, and regulatory policy; and advocating for reform before courts, legislatures, and executive agencies.

- The **Center for Cybersecurity**, a collaboration with NYU Tandon School of Engineering, focuses on shaping the public discourse and the policy, legal, and technological landscape on issues of cybersecurity. The Law School also has developed an innovative joint master’s degree for executives in cybersecurity risk and strategy, offered in conjunction with Tandon.

**Future-Ready Professionals**

Our faculty are not only thought leaders, they are also teachers and mentors who provide transformative educational experiences for students. Their first-rate instruction in legal reasoning and critical thinking is the foundation of an NYU Law education. As the demands and expectations of the legal profession change, we will continue to expand the learning opportunities that reflect our students’ interests, the future of legal education, and the needs of our world.

**Interdisciplinary Study**

The Law School is at the forefront of interdisciplinary research and teaching, with special strengths in law and philosophy, economics, politics, and history. Integrative ideas and methodologies pervade the curriculum, enriching the study of law and connecting it to multifaceted problems in the real world. Our curricular innovations, like programs combining legal education with areas including business, engineering, and global studies, draw on interdisciplinary strengths across NYU and prepare our students to meet the evolving demands of their profession.

“NYU Law embraces interdisciplinary education, which is crucial for social innovation education. We’re also in New York City, which brings together social innovators from around the world and provides opportunities for students.”

Peter Egziabher ’17
Dean’s Award Scholar

1986
The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) begins.

1987
Professors Ronald Dworkin and Thomas Nagel convene the Colloquium in Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy, the model for colloquia.

1995
The Hauser Global Law School Program, the first of its kind, is founded.
Clinical and Advocacy Programs
Students get real-world experience through our groundbreaking clinical and advocacy programs. Our specially designed Lawyering Program trains first-year students in the essentials of practice, while our 39 clinics provide unparalleled opportunities to work with local and global clients and communities, influence public policy, and improve the quality of legal problem-solving. Students can choose to pursue in-depth knowledge in areas such as tech law and policy, global justice, or federal defense, and to learn specific skills—such as litigation, policy analysis, and negotiation—that are well tailored to particular areas of practice. For example, the International Transactions Clinic and the Business Law Transactions Clinic—both offered through the Grunin Center for Law and Social Entrepreneurship—prepare students to work in the fast-growing fields of social enterprise and impact investing.

Financial Literacy
NYU Law has created and developed interactive online modules to equip students with an understanding of financial concepts. These innovative digital lessons include perspectives from a wide range of practitioners—litigators and transactional, government, and other public interest lawyers—explaining how the specific topics covered are relevant to their work.

Leadership
Developing a leadership mindset is a signature experience at the Law School. Students hone professional judgment and specific skills in clinics and in seminars such as the Law and Business of Corporate Turnarounds and Leadership; the Role of the Corporate General Counsel; and Leadership, Diversity, and Inclusion. Outside of class, the Women’s Leadership Network connects and supports the women of NYU Law while identifying issues relevant to the legal profession. And at their core, our flagship scholarship programs such as AnBryce, the Jacobson Leadership Program in Law and Business, and Root-Tilden-Kern all prepare students with a demonstrated aptitude for leadership to be game changers in their chosen fields.

It is essential that the Law School continue to foster an environment of technological and intellectual innovation. Our graduates must be ready to succeed in an ever-changing world, whether they pursue opportunities in the public or private sector in the United States or anywhere around the globe.
Access to Excellence

NYU Law is dedicated to recruiting and nurturing the finest and most deserving students. As the cost of legal education continues to rise, student scholarships play a major role in attracting the sharpest minds from all over the world and ensuring students’ educational paths and future possibilities are not constrained by financial circumstances. With student financial needs growing more pressing and competition for top applicants becoming more intense, it is urgent that the Law School continue to offer increased assistance to attract and support the most promising students.

Although NYU Law has devoted substantial institutional resources to scholarship aid, our aim is to do even more. We seek more flexibility to alleviate the financial strain on our students, to further support their ambitions, and to help them achieve success. Doing so also will ensure that our community is enriched by a multiplicity of backgrounds and perspectives, creating a stronger foundation for all our students.

A law degree from NYU represents more than legal expertise. It signifies a capacity to lead across disciplines and sectors and a willingness to reimagine what it means to be a lawyer. Whether they pursue private practice or government work, academia or business, our students and alumni are a testament to the value of an NYU legal education. Scholarships and financial aid are vitally important to make sure the potential of all promising students is translated into a lasting impact on the world.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOLARSHIPS

$19 million was awarded in institutional aid to 700 students in the 2016–17 academic year.

50.1% of 1Ls received institutional aid in the 2016–17 academic year, up from 32.5% in 2012–13.

NYU Law set a new record for accessibility in the 2016–17 academic year, as the tuition discount rate (the percentage covered by institutional aid) for 1Ls hit 25.1%, up from 18.1% in 2012–13.

THE IMPACT OF LRAP

The Law School’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), which eases the burden of debt repayment obligations for those choosing careers in public service, awarded $4.8 million to more than 530 JD alumni worldwide in 2016–17.

PILC SUMMER FUNDING PROGRAM

More than 400 students worked in 26 countries through the Public Interest Law Center (PILC) Summer Funding Program in 2017. In the US, students worked in 26 states, from Arkansas to Washington.
Please Join Us.

NYU School of Law is at the vanguard of legal education. Through the thought leadership of our faculty, the rigor of our curriculum, our innovative programs, and the success of our graduates, we are a law school that is engaged in the issues of the day, a law school that makes a difference, a law school that matters. We need your help to ensure our voice remains strong and clear.

Your philanthropy has helped the Law School reach new heights in recent years, but there is more to do. Our leadership position in an evolving field mandates that we continue to innovate, attract the highest-caliber students, and provide them with unparalleled learning opportunities, both academic and experiential. It requires us to provide our students with support—financial and otherwise—to be sure they thrive while in law school and are poised to be the most well-prepared and versatile leaders of tomorrow. Now is the time for us to invest in our future. Our mission is urgent, and we need your partnership to accomplish our goals. Please join us. Let’s lead the way together.

Dean Trevor Morrison

“The NYU Law education has not only given me the training to excel; it has been a continued support network that goes beyond the three years spent in law school. It’s critical for the NYU Law community to support this institution.”

Beatrice Lindstrom ’10
Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar

2016
The Law School announces its Strategic Plan as well as the Center for Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging.

2017
NYU Law launches the Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law; the Institute for Corporate Governance & Finance; and the Grunin Center for Law and Social Entrepreneurship.