

We look forward to receiving your applications for our inaugural Law School Innovation Program. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions that you may find helpful.

About the Program / Law School Eligibility

What is innovation in the context of law schools?

Innovation in the context of law schools is broad, but usually includes new teaching and training methods that help to further student learning and career preparation. Innovation provides students with opportunities to succeed in today's ever-changing legal profession by furnishing them with new information and ways to address both recent and longstanding obstacles and issues in the legal field.

What kind of innovations will be accepted?

A nonexhaustive list of acceptable innovations: courses, programs, clinics, legal technology programs, experiential learning, seminars, innovation journals, design labs, and workshops.

Does my law school have to be ABA-Approved?

Yes, law schools must be ABA-approved and U.S.-based to apply.

Will innovations be ranked?

In late 2022, we will select a group of finalists to honor in early 2023. However, application rankings or scores will not be announced.

How will finalists be selected?

A panel of practicing attorneys, recent law school graduates, law school faculty and staff, legal technology professionals, and experts from Bloomberg Law will review and evaluate applications in order to determine how well the innovations meet the four evaluation criteria – innovation, impact on students, ability to advance the legal industry, and replicability. Innovations with the highest scores will be selected as finalists. We will be evaluating what schools have done to change or improve the way law is taught by looking at both the content (what they are teaching) and the method (how they are teaching it).

What benefits and networking will be available to applicants?

Some of the benefits for finalists include: promotion in Bloomberg Law articles and on the Law School Innovation Program's website, an opportunity to participate in a forum or webinar on law school innovation, promotion on Bloomberg Law's social media, and a Law School Innovation Program finalist badge that can be displayed on the school's website and marketing materials.

Additional networking opportunities and benefits will be announced, as applicable.

Application Requirements

Do I have to answer every question?

A response to each of the four criteria is required. However, any supplemental materials (including the video) are optional.

In my responses to the four criteria, may I include information that is relevant but not specifically asked for in the prompt?

Any related information may be included, as long as the response does not exceed the word count and is relevant to the prompt at hand.

What if my program is new and has not yet impacted students?

For newer programs, anecdotal observations are accepted in response to the student impact prompt. Responses may discuss the impact you hope the program will have on your students. Be sure to touch on why you think this innovation will have said impact.

Are there page limits to the supplemental material submissions?

No, there are no page limits for supplemental materials. However, it is important to note that each application will receive roughly the same amount of evaluation time, so please include only those materials that are most relevant to the innovation and will enhance your application. Supplemental materials must also primarily be written but may include images or charts that are secondary to the written text.

Can you provide examples of what can be included in the supplemental materials?

A nonexhaustive list of acceptable supplemental materials: syllabi, student testimonials, course materials, course goals, program design, program/course websites, faculty profiles, journal entries, news articles, and brochures.

What is the nature of the supplemental video and who can be included in it?

It is up to the applicants' discretion on what to include in the video. Videos may include student testimonials, expert interviews, faculty discussions, or a clip of the innovation in action. For more information on application confidentiality, see **Can we provide confidential information?**

Submitting Your Program

Where do I submit my application?

Applications and supplemental materials must be submitted via Qualtrics [here](#). Applications submitted via email will not be considered. If you have any issues with the application portal, please direct questions to innovation@bloombergindustry.com.

What is Qualtrics and is it secure?

Bloomberg Law takes extensive measures to protect and secure your personal information and company data. Data is collected through Qualtrics Labs, Inc. ("Qualtrics"). For more information about Qualtrics's security practices, see [here](#). For information on their handling of personal information please see their Privacy Statement [here](#).

All data files submitted in applications will be downloaded and stored securely on servers owned by Bloomberg Industry Group and its corporate affiliates. For more information on how Bloomberg Industry Group handles personal information please see our [Privacy Policy](#). Only verified and invited users may access the data.

Can we provide confidential information?

We ask that applicants refrain from including confidential information in their applications. While we will not publicly release or distribute supplemental materials or videos included with applications without permission, Bloomberg Law may use information from an application's written responses to the prompts for promotional purposes if an innovation is selected as a finalist.

Who will be able to access my application?

Access to applications will be limited to the Bloomberg Law team members involved in the Law School Innovation Program and application evaluators.

If innovations have overlap, should they be submitted together or as separate applications?

Related innovations that are distinct in nature can be submitted as separate applications. For example, if a law school has an innovation program with different courses or clinics incorporated, either the entire program may be submitted or separate applications may be submitted for individual courses.

It is important to note that only the most impactful innovations will be selected as finalists, so in the aforementioned example, it may better serve the applicant to submit the program itself to be judged as a whole, rather than as separate courses. However, there may be valid reasons to separate out and highlight individual courses, and we welcome separate applications in those instances.

Will late or incomplete submissions be considered?

We may consider late applications under certain circumstances, but incomplete submissions will not be considered. We will audit submissions and make every effort to inform applicants if they are missing a required element.

Can someone nominate a professor or their program?

No, but you can provide us with the contact information of the professor or program administrator, and we will reach out on your behalf to inform them about the application process. Please direct this information to innovation@bloombergindustry.com.

Will my application materials or personal information be available online?

No, individual applications or personal information will not be publicly available. However, the finalists will be promoted in Bloomberg Law articles, on the Law School Innovation Program's website, and in Bloomberg Law social media posts.

Is there any cost associated with my application?

No, applying to the program as well as all associated promotional materials for finalists are free for all U.S.-based, ABA-approved law schools. There is no cost to submit your innovation or be included as a finalist.

What is the timeframe for application submission?

Applications will be accepted from May 2022 through September 6, 2022, at 8 p.m. EDT

What if I have questions about the program?

The Bloomberg Law team is here to support you throughout the entire application process. Should you have any questions or feedback, you may contact the team at innovation@bloombergindustry.com. We are also happy to schedule a call to discuss your questions.