Conference and Internship Funding Policy (June 2009)

The Faculty of Law generally does not provide funding for graduate student travel to conferences. Students are advised to investigate the following options:

- The Canadian Institute of Resources Law (CIRL) has a $5,000 fund to support student attendance at conferences. A maximum of $750 per year per student can be awarded. Applications should be made well before the conference to Allan Ingelson, Executive Director of CIRL, and should include a budget, information about the conference and its importance to the student’s research, and a note of support from the student's Supervisor or the Graduate Program Director.

- The University Research Grants Committee (URGC) supports full time graduate students (Canadian and international) in research based programs to present their research at conferences to a maximum of $1,200. Students must apply before the date of the conference. For more information visit Research Services.

- The Graduate Students Association (GSA) also has conference funding of up to $500 available. Deadlines are typically November and March each academic year. For more information see: http://gsa.ucalgary.ca/services/grants.html.

- If a student has exhausted all of these options and does not have sufficient funding to attend a conference where they are presenting their own research, the Graduate Program Director, in consultation with the student's supervisor and members of the Graduate Studies Committee, may provide funding to the student if funds are available. Criteria to be considered include the student's academic performance and status in the program, the connection between the conference presentation and the student's thesis research, and the student's financial need.