



Institutional Membership & Support

NLMA's institutional membership model is designed to build a national community of law schools working together to understand, strengthen, and advance legal master's education. Membership provides schools with access to NLMA research and programs, opportunities to contribute to national initiatives, and a voice in shaping the organization's work.

Membership Fees

Annual membership fees are based on the school's unique enrollment of legal master's students, using the ABA unique-enrollment formula.

Legal Master's Enrollment	Annual Membership
0–500 students	\$2,500
501–999 students	\$3,000
1,000+ students	\$5,000

Founding Partner School: \$5,000 one-time joining fee, in addition to annual membership.

Supporting School: \$1,000 one-time joining fee, in addition to annual membership.

Three-year option: Founding Partner Schools with 0–500 students may prepay three years for \$10,000, a \$2,500 savings at 2026 rates.

Institutional Participation

	Founding Partner School	Supporting School
Recognition	Top recognition on NLMA website and materials; Founding Partner badge	Recognition on NLMA website and materials; Member School badge
Research & benchmarking	Pilot benchmarked data; early access to complete NLMA reports with opportunity to comment before publication; segmented benchmarking against 1–3 similar schools	Pilot benchmarked data; early access to NLMA reports; additional segmented benchmarking available for purchase
National initiatives	Guaranteed seat in Learning Outcomes Summit; consultation and input into national awareness campaign	Invitation to Learning Outcomes Summit; input into national awareness campaign
Student & graduate support	Pilot participation and access to NLMA career support program; student membership pilot discount	Pilot participation and access to NLMA career support program; student membership pilot discount



The distinction in a nutshell

Supporting Schools gain access to NLMA's research, programs, community, and opportunities to participate in national initiatives.

Founding Partner Schools have a deeper role in shaping NLMA's work, with earlier access to research, opportunities for direct input before publication, more customized benchmarking, and guaranteed participation in selected national initiatives.

Exploratory Membership

\$1,000 annually for law schools that do not currently offer a legal master's program but are exploring the development of one.

NLMA's institutional model is intended to evolve with the needs and priorities of the legal master's community. Member schools will help inform that evolution through research, collaboration, and participation in NLMA initiatives.

For additional information about NLMA's work and strategic plan, visit nationallegalmastersassociation.org