AAUP FOUNDATION

Moses and Dorothy Passer Legal Defense Fund

The predecessor AAUP (and ultimately, the AAUP Foundation) received a cash bequest in the amount of $40,000.00 with the following donor restriction, “to the American Association of University Professors, a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, to be used to establish, as a perpetual endowment in the American Association of University Professors, the Moses and Dorothy Legal Defense Fund. It is understood that a portion of every year’s investment income sufficient to compensate for inflation will be retained in the endowment capital fund.”

Grants from this fund shall be used to support legal cases that promote the important role of science and scientific research in society.

Guidelines

Applications need to follow the AAUP Foundation Grant Guidelines and should describe the activities that support this grant’s objectives.

The Foundation may annually distribute 4% of the trailing three-year average of the Passer Legal Defense Fund’s total asset value, with the expectation that, over time, the total real return (return net of inflation) from investments will exceed the Passer Legal Defense Fund’s pay-out rate, thus allowing for real growth of the fund’s assets.