

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Stipend for Attorney General

One-Time Request | FY 26

The attorney general has traditionally carried out extensive duties during election time in the spring, comparable to that of the chief election commissioner without being compensated for it. In addition, the 55th administration expanded their duties in the bylaws, while being moved under an entirely separate branch called the “Department of Justice”.



One-Time Allocation FY26: Attorney General Stipend

The 61st administration would like to expand the responsibilities of the attorney general throughout the year in the bylaws, for consistent management of the organization, and to serve as a pillar for institutional knowledge and proper checks and balances of the other branches.

SGA is requesting \$1,272 to cover the cost of administering a stipend to properly compensate the AG for all of these responsibilities. \$1,200 would cover the stipend and \$72 would cover the business and administrative fees.

Responsibilities will include, but are not limited to creating and maintaining a senate journal and records regarding all activities of all three branches, transferring the duty of recording and maintaining senate meeting minutes to the DOJ, the acquisition and maintenance of all relevant historical documents (e.g., legislation, court opinions, MOU’s, voting records, etc.) through the creation of the Historian position in the DOJ, and other management to keep and maintain public record of all activities by the senate, legislative, judicial branch, and all other relevant university administrators.

Benefits:

1. **Institutional Knowledge**—increased commitment to the duties and responsibilities will incentivize the AG to fulfill duties and build a leadership pipeline within the DOJ.



2. **Performance**—more emphasis and will be placed on the position by the senate and other to fulfill responsibilities, and be held accountable across branches.
3. **Increased Advocacy**—centralizing the litany of tedious tasks and administrative procedures under the DOJ will allow the senate and executive more time to fulfill their goals and initiatives to the fullest of their abilities.

Cost:

Price of Stipend	\$1,200
Admin Fees (6.0%)	<u>\$72</u>
Total Cost	\$1,272