

Tuition and Expenses Guide



Columbia University

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



Understanding Your Cost of Attendance

In Financial Aid & Educational Financing, our primary goal is to assist you and your family with your plan to pay for college, so that all the advantages of a Columbia education can be yours.

Billed Expenses

The largest portion of your expenses for the academic year will be your student bill, which includes: tuition, health services fee, student life fee, orientation and document fees, and room and meals.

TUITION

The charge for the standard full-time program of at least 4 courses (12 points) per semester.

HEALTH SERVICES FEE

The mandatory fee for on-campus services and support offered by Columbia Health. This is different from the Student Health Insurance Plan Premium, which may be waived upon documentation.

STUDENT LIFE FEE

A fee supporting student activities, access to the facilities at the Dodge Fitness Center and Lerner Hall, and library and computer network privileges.

ORIENTATION AND DOCUMENT FEES

One-time fees charged to entering students in their first term. These fees cover the costs of mandatory Orientation programming and entitle you to transcripts at no additional charge.

ROOM AND MEALS

Fees covering the on-campus housing and dining plan (required for first-year students, not required for upperclassmen).

Non-Billed Expenses

Students should expect to incur Non-Billed Expenses, such as books, personal and travel expenses. These out-of-pocket costs can vary from student to student, depending on personal choices and spending habits.

Columbia will neither bill you nor reimburse you for these Non-Billed Expenses. However, if your financial aid credits from grants, scholarships and loans exceed your Billed Expenses, then the excess funds can be refunded to you to help cover your out-of-pocket costs.

BOOKS, PERSONAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

The estimated cost for books and supplies is \$1,392. Our estimate for personal expenses—such as laundry supplies, toiletries, entertainment and local transportation—is \$2,350. Your family should also plan for your travel between home and campus.

Optional Billed Expenses

Depending on your situation, you may have additional costs added to your Student Account, such as Student Health Insurance or Flex Dollars.

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

You will be automatically enrolled in the Columbia Student Health Insurance Plan each year unless you are able to provide proof of comparable private medical insurance. The estimated annual cost is \$4,525.

FLEX DOLLARS

You may choose to add Flex Dollars to your Student Account, which will allow you to use your Columbia University ID card like a debit card. Flex Dollars can be used at on-campus dining facilities and neighborhood vendors or to purchase books, laundry supplies and snacks. Any value added to the card will be charged to your Student Account and will be due the following billing cycle.



Cost of Attendance

BILLED EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Tuition	\$65,340
Mandatory Fees	\$ 3,705
Room and Meals	\$16,800

NON-BILLED EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Books and Supplies	\$ 1,392
Personal Expenses	\$ 2,350

TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE	AMOUNT
Billed Expenses	\$85,845
Non-Billed Expenses	\$ 3,742
Total	\$89,587*

*Subject to final approval by the Board of Trustees in June 2023

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STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

200+

RESEARCH CENTERS,
LABS AND INSTITUTES

12+

ON-CAMPUS DINING
HALLS AND CAFÉS



Plan for Your Columbia E-Bill

Columbia University bills are administered by Student Financial Services. While you will receive more detailed information from their office in the summer, we want to share some preliminary information to assist you with your planning.

E-Bill Basics

As you plan for your college costs, please be aware that no paper bills will be mailed by the University. The Student Account Statement (also known as the E-Bill) will be emailed periodically to the student's Columbia email address, and students must authorize family members to access their Student Account information online. Over the summer, you will receive instructions for how to establish an Authorized Payer on the Student Financial Services website.

The fall semester bill is available in August and will be due approximately 5-6 weeks later; the spring semester bill is available in mid-December and is due approximately 5-6 weeks later. Unpaid bills will prevent students from timely class registration and may generate a late payment fee.

Payment Options

It is essential that you make a financing plan to cover your Billed and Non-Billed Expenses. Some families make payments each semester. Others choose to use short-term financing options, long-term financing options, or a combination of both strategies.

10-Month Tuition Payment Plan

The payment plan is a monthly installment option that enables you to pay tuition and fees over several months—July through April—rather than in one lump-sum payment per semester. The payment plan is not a loan. While there is an application fee, there are no interest charges or credit checks. Details of the payment plan will be available on the Student Financial Services website this summer.

Questions regarding billing, payment and payment plans?

Contact Student Financial Services:

212-854-4400

sfs.columbia.edu



Education Loans

While loans are not required as part of your Columbia financial aid, some families make the personal choice to finance a portion or all of their educational costs with loans. A variety of options are available, and online loan application forms for federal loans will be available in the summer. Find more information on federal education loans, including an overview of eligibility requirements established by the US Department of Education, interest rates, annual limits and repayment options at cc-seas.financialaid.columbia.edu/education-loans.

STUDENT LOANS

Students who are US citizens or eligible noncitizens and who meet other eligibility requirements may choose to borrow through the Federal Direct Loan Program. We strongly encourage you to speak to one of our financial aid advisers prior to borrowing. An adviser will provide financing options to help you avoid unnecessary borrowing.

PARENT LOANS

Under the Direct PLUS Loan program, parents may borrow up to the full cost of education minus other financial aid received.



**Welcome to Columbia
University, where you will
no doubt make your mark
as a valued member of this
distinctive and dynamic
community.**

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