Dean’s Welcome

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help students as they pursue their college aspirations. With your assistance, Columbia’s Class of 2019 is a remarkably creative, talented and accomplished group of young men and women whom we are so excited to have join our community here in Morningside Heights.

We hope the updates and information we share here will be helpful to both you and your students throughout the application process. If you have any questions or concerns not addressed here, please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff. We look forward to another great year and to connecting with potential future members of the Class of 2020!

Best wishes,

Jessica Marinaccio
Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid

Columbia’s Generous Need-Based Financial Aid

Columbia is committed to making our education accessible for students from all socioeconomic backgrounds. All of our financial aid is need-based, and we are proudly committed to meeting the full demonstrated financial need of all applicants admitted as first-year or transfer undergraduate students for all four years of study.

Financial Aid Checklist

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$134 million awarded annually in scholarships and grants from all sources.

No loans are used to meet financial need in Columbia financial aid packages.

$46,516 the amount of grants and scholarships in the average Columbia financial aid package.
Standardized tests are required for admission according to the guidelines below; all test scores must be submitted directly to Columbia by the testing agency. Applicants may choose to take either the SAT and two Subject Tests or the ACT Plus Writing.

Our testing policies have been updated to reflect the College Board’s redesigned SAT, scheduled to launch in spring 2016 for applicants for fall 2017 admission. These changes will not impact current candidates for fall 2016 admission.

For a complete overview of our holistic admissions process, visit http://undergrad.admissions.columbia.edu/apply.

## Summary of Testing Policy Changes

- The redesigned SAT will consist of 2 sections instead of 3. The previously required Writing section will now be optional and not required by Columbia.
- Students applying in fall 2017 and fall 2018 may submit scores from both SATs, but Columbia will evaluate only the highest composite score, meaning we will not “super score” across both versions.
- To be consistent with our SAT requirement, starting with applicants for fall 2017, Columbia will no longer require the Writing portion of the ACT Assessment.

## Application Checklist

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<td>$85 Application Fee or Fee Waiver[^2]</td>
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<td>Two Teacher Evaluations[^1]</td>
<td>November 1, 2015</td>
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<td>Mid-Year Report</td>
<td>February 1, 2016</td>
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<td>Early Decision Agreement</td>
<td>November 1, 2015</td>
<td>Not Required</td>
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<td>Admissions decisions released online</td>
<td>Mid-December 2015</td>
<td>By April 1, 2016</td>
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[^2]: We encourage students for whom the application fee poses a financial hardship to request a fee waiver.
[^1]: Applicants to Columbia College may take any two subjects; Engineering applicants should submit one in Biology, Chemistry or Physics and one in Math.
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Class of 2019 Profile
Combined Data for Columbia College and Columbia Engineering

First-Year Applicant Overview
Total Applications: 36,250
Total Admits: 2,222
Admit Rate: 6.1%
3,373 applicants applied through Columbia’s Early Decision program.

Admitted Student Statistics
The middle 50% of admitted students scored between 2160 and 2330 on the Math, Critical Reading, and Writing sections of the SAT.

ACT Ranges (composite)
For first-year admitted students who submitted ACT scores:
- 32–36: 82%
- 27–31: 17%
- below 27: 1%

Over 90% of accepted students were in the top 10% of their graduating class.
Note: The above information is as of May 1, 2015.

Demographic Information for the Class of 2019
Number of first-year students: 1,406
Total number of US states represented (by home address): 50
Percentage of international students (born or educated abroad): 19%
Total number of countries represented (by home or school address): 65

Domestic ethnic diversity (US Citizens and Permanent Residents, as self-identified on the application):
- African American: 14%
- White: 38%
- Native American: 4%
- Other: 2%
- Latino: 15%
- Asian American: 27%

Category of possible first choice major:
- Mathematics and Natural Science: 28%
- Arts and Humanities: 23%
- Engineering: 23%
- Undecided: 3%
- Social Sciences: 23%

Students who self-identified on the admissions application as being of color: 60%
Students receiving Pell Grants: 17%
Students who are the first generation in their family to attend college: 18%
Gender breakdown: 53% male, 47% female

Note: Demographic information is as of August 1, 2015.
2015-2016 Regional Assignments

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Asia**
- China and East Asia: Edward Truong
- South and Central Asia: Katrina Souder
- Whitney Green
- Southeast Asia: David Buckwald

**Africa**
- Whitney Green

**Canada**
- Rachel Taylor

**Europe**
- Ireland, Turkey and the United Kingdom: James Caldarise
- Remaining Europe: James Caldarise

**Latin America**
- Caribbean, Central America and Mexico: Meaghan McCarthy
- South America: Dana Pavarini

**North America**
- Middle East: Whitney Green
- Oceania: David Buckwald
- Russia: James Caldarise

**Home-Schooled Students**
- Diane McKoy

**Alabama**
- Maria Asayag

**Alaska**
- James Caldarise

**Arizona**
- Katrina Souder

**Arkansas**
- Maria Asayag

**California**
- Northern CA, Marin County, Sacramento and San Francisco: Dana Pavarini
- Los Angeles, Central Coast and Santa Barbara: Jessica Cho
- Central CA, Oakland, San Jose and Silicon Valley: James Ramseur
- Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange Counties: Finn Vigeland
- Colorado: Katrina Souder

**Connecticut**
- Tolland, Hartford and Litchfield Counties: Peter Johnson
- Fairfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham Counties: Diane McKoy

**Delaware**
- Joanna May

**Florida**
- Northern and Central FL: Maria Asayag
- Southern FL: John Chavez

**Georgia**
- Sarah Quin

**Hawaii**
- Jessica Cho

**Idaho**
- James Caldarise

**Illinois**
- Chicago: Meaghan McCarthy
- Remaining IL: Jason Mogen

**Indiana**
- Samantha Goldfarb

**Iowa**
- Jason Mogen

**Kansas**
- Jason Mogen

**Kentucky**
- Samantha Goldfarb

**Louisiana**
- Maria Asayag

**Maine**
- Rachel Taylor

**Maryland**
- Montgomery and Prince George's Counties: Molly Coyne
- Remaining MD: Sarah Quin

**Massachusetts**
- Southern MA: Alexandra Largess
- Western MA and Worcester: Peter Johnson
- Northern MA, Boston and Cambridge: Diane McKoy

**Michigan**
- Samantha Goldfarb

**Minnesota**
- Jason Mogen

**Mississippi**
- Maria Asayag

**Missouri**
- Jason Mogen

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**Montana**
- James Caldarise

**Nebraska**
- Jason Mogen

**New Hampshire**
- Katahdin: New Hampshire

**New Jersey**
- Middlesex County and Northern NJ: Katrina Souder

**New Mexico**
- Katrina Souder

**New York**
- Manhattan: Maria Asayag, Jessica Cho, Joanna May and Rachel Taylor
- Brooklyn: Whitney Green and Molly Coyne

**Ohio**
- Samantha Goldfarb

**Oregon**
- James Caldarise

**Pennsylvania**
- Western PA: Samantha Goldfarb
- Philadelphia and Remaining PA: Rachel Taylor

**Rhode Island**
- Alexandra Largess

**South Carolina**
- South Dakota: James Caldarise

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**Tennessee**
- Maria Asayag

**Texas**
- Houston and San Antonio: John Chavez
- Remaining TX: Molly Coyne

**Utah**
- Katrina Souder

**Vermont**
- Katrina Souder

**Virginia**
- Remaining VA: James Caldarise

**Washington**
- Western WA: Joanna May

**Wisconsin**
- Martha: Sarah Quin

**Wyoming**
- James Caldarise

**US TERRITORIES**

**Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands**
- Meaghan McCarthy

**Guam**
- Jessica Cho