



2024-25 COUNSELOR INFO

Here's everything you need to know to help your students apply to Columbia College Chicago—along with some opportunities for you to engage with us.

THE BASICS

Columbia College Chicago is a liberal arts college located in downtown Chicago offering majors that prepare students for careers in the fine, performing, media, and visual arts, and creative industries. We enroll approximately 5,500 undergraduate students, 54% of whom identify as people of color and 33% of whom identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community. Our students come from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, The District of Columbia, and more than 60 different countries.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Columbia offers Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Science degrees. Students can begin the application process at colum.edu/apply or via the Common Application.

We review applications holistically, with an eye toward academic ability and creative ambition.

Columbia is entirely test free. What this means is that ACT, SAT, or other standardized test scores will not play any role in determining a student's admissibility or in awarding scholarships. We do not require them and we do not want students to send them to us.

DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES

Columbia accepts and reviews applications on a rolling basis. It is to your students' advantage to complete their applications as early as possible.

The Spring 2025 application is only open to students applying for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. The deadline for all applicants is **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**.

The Fall 2025 application is available for all degree types. Deadlines vary by program:

Wednesday, November 20, 2024: Deadline for applicants to the Acting, BFA; Contemporary, Jazz and Popular Music, BMus; Music Composition, BMus; and Musical Theatre Performance, BFA programs. These programs will review pre-screen materials and invite selected students to audition/interview in January or February, 2025. See colum.edu/bfa for required materials for each major.

Wednesday, January 15, 2025: Deadline for all other BFA programs. This includes portfolio materials. See colum.edu/bfa for required materials for each major.

Wednesday, January 15, 2025: Priority deadline for all other programs. The application will remain open after January 15, but applicants will no longer be eligible for a specific scholarship, the Faculty Recognition Award. See colum.edu/fra for required materials for each major.

Common Applicants are asked to factor in a 24-hour period for Common App to transfer their data to Columbia College Chicago

Visit colum.edu/apply for detailed information about application requirements, policies, and opportunities to engage with our campus.

Students coming to Columbia from abroad will also want to review the information at colum.edu/international.

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EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 9, 2024

During this event, your students will have a chance to check in on our entire campus—academic departments, student support services, the library, galleries, etc. It's a great way for students to see if Columbia might be a fit.

Register at colum.edu/openhouse.

MANIFEST

Friday, May 16, 2025

Columbia's annual spring festival celebrates our graduating students. We take over Chicago's South Loop neighborhood to showcase students' work through everything from exhibitions and concerts to poetry readings and street art. See for yourself at manifest.colum.edu.

Save the date! We will have a select number of spots available to invite school counselors from across the country and globe to join us for a Manifest Counselor Fly-In event. To learn more, sign up to get on our mailing list here: colum.edu/schoolcounselors

CAMPUS TOURS & APPOINTMENTS

We offer several ways for students to engage with our campus, both in-person and virtually. At colum.edu/visit students can sign up for campus tours and one-on-one appointments with an admissions counselor. At colum.edu/virtual, students can find virtual tours and appointment options to engage with us from their screens at home.

TUITION, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID

Columbia's tuition for the 2024–2025 academic year is \$34,088.

Estimated room and board is \$23,400.

To be considered for all available scholarships and financial aid, students should submit:

- A completed application to the college for scholarships based on academic merit
- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—expected to be available in December 2024—for scholarships based on financial need
- Portfolio or audition materials that follow the specifications for their intended major for talent-based scholarships. Complete submission requirements can be found at colum.edu/fra and colum.edu/bfa

In fall 2023:

- 99% of freshmen received at least one of the three categories of scholarship aid
- The average scholarship package was \$16,468—or \$65,872 over four years of enrollment.

Visit colum.edu/scholarships for more information.

Visit colum.edu/externalscholarships for additional resources.

QUESTIONS?

Contact us at 312-369-7130

(9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Central, Monday–Friday) or email us at admissions@colum.edu



Scan this code to sign up for Columbia's counselor mailings, receive an informational package, and learn about future happenings and events on our campus.