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Alliance Visiting Faculty Guide 2013-2014
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Dear Esteemed Professor,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you at Columbia University as an Alliance Visiting Professor.

As you know, the Alliance Visiting Professorship Program is an annual faculty exchange program, that build on a long-lasting relationship between the four partner universities of the Alliance Program and is designed to increase the range of experiences offered to faculty members and students in the participating institutions.

We hope you will enjoy your stay at Columbia University and benefit greatly from this experience. We hope that you will have the opportunity to meet with colleagues, participate to seminars and conferences, and create links that will perhaps lead to joint academic and research partnerships.

Through your teaching, students will gain from your presence and be exposed to new intellectual references and methods.

During this semester, the team at the Alliance Program remains at your disposition to support any joint endeavor between Columbia University and your home institution. We would like to work with you to make the most of your presence on campus, though a seminar, a public lecture or a discussion with students. So please do not hesitate to contact us.

You will find in this brochure practical information to help you prepare your arrival and your stay at Columbia. We hope you will find it useful.

Welcome at Columbia University!

Yours sincerely,

Alessia Lefébure
Alliance Program, Director
The Alliance Program at a glance

The Alliance Program is a unique joint venture between Columbia University, École Polytechnique, Sciences Po, and Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

CUTTING-EDGE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Alliance Program forecasts the future of global education. Every year, 250 students benefit from a range of 20 dual degrees and joint programs in all disciplines, including Art History, International Relations, Sustainable Development, Journalism, and Financial Engineering. Dual degree programs are offered to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students.

A FACULTY NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE

The Alliance Program is a strong international network of leading professors and research centers. Every year, 10 visiting professors teach in partner schools within the Alliance network, benefiting hundreds of students and colleagues. Simultaneously, the Alliance Program supports joint transatlantic research teams that are thriving in the humanities, social sciences and hard sciences.

A PLATFORM FOR GLOBAL DEBATE

Since its launch in 2002, the Alliance Program has become a major academic platform for transatlantic debate on the pressing issues of our times. In 2012-2013 alone, 46 joint academic events (lectures, conferences, and workshops) were organized in New York and Paris, in co-sponsorship with 63 different centers and institutes. On the vanguard of their fields, our guests stimulate our diverse audience into a fine understanding of complex processes that can only be understood through global exchange.

A UNIQUE JOINT VENTURE

Sustained by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the partner institutions, the endowed Alliance Program Fund was formalized in 2007. Columbia University, École Polytechnique, Sciences Po, and Panthéon-Sorbonne University are thus making history with the first ever joint endowment of its kind. The endowment has already accrued more than $3,000,000.
Visa

Passport
- Please make sure your passport is valid for the full length of your stay. It is recommended that your passport remains valid at least six months into the future at all times.

Entry Visa
- All international scholars are required to have a valid entry visa in their passport at the time of entry into the United States. Alliance Visiting Professors are usually issued a J1 visa and their dependents (spouse, children) are issued J2 visas.

Form DS-2019
- Scholars coming to the University in J-1 status will receive a Certificate of Visa Eligibility (DS-2019). This is the document issued by the program sponsor, i.e., Columbia University. You must present it at a United States consulate abroad to obtain a J-1 visa. Also, you must always present the DS-2019 to immigration officials each time you enter the United States.

Form I-94
- This is a record of your nonimmigrant status and permission to stay in the United States. It is a small white card, known as the I-94 card, given to you by an immigration official when you enter the United States. It is an important document; please do keep it.

Please note that there can be important delays when taking an appointment at the US Embassy in Paris. It is advised to call in advance.

For more information... about visas and immigration issues
- US Embassy in Paris: france.usembassy.gov
- ISSO (International Students and Scholars Office):
  - www.columbia.edu/cu/isso
Housing

Alliance Visiting Professors are fully responsible for searching and finding their own housing. The Housing Information and Referral Service, provided by Columbia University’s Office of Work/Life, offers a number of resources. More information on the Office of Work/Life can be found in the “Contact Information” section on page 14 of this document.

For more information... on renting an apartment or finding a temporary apartment

- **Explore the resources** offered by Columbia University’s Office of Work/Life:
  - Contact the Office of Work/Life at worklife@columbia.edu, or visit the housing section on their website: [http://worklife.columbia.edu/housing-relocation](http://worklife.columbia.edu/housing-relocation).
  - Consult with their Housing Specialist about renting or purchasing apartments and homes within commuting distance of Columbia University campuses.
  - Visit Columbia’s Off-Campus Housing Assistance (OCHA) website for information on rental housing lists (using your “UNI” or temporary access): [http://facilities.columbia.edu/housing/intro-ocha-3](http://facilities.columbia.edu/housing/intro-ocha-3).

- **Prepare important documents** and monies to be immediately accessible for renting apartments and homes.
  - Application fees
    - Usually $65-$100 for rental buildings; $300-$1,000 for condos; $600-$1,500 for co-ops
  - Income requirements
    - Gross annual income needs to be 40 to 50 times the monthly rent (i.e. gross annual income=$120,000; monthly rent=$3,000)
  - Brokerage commissions
    - If using a real estate broker, fees are typically 12-15% of annual rent (i.e. monthly rent=$3,000; annual rent=$36,000; 12% of annual rent=$4,320)
  - Payment
    - Certified checks are usually required, at lease signing, for the first month’s rent, the security deposit (typically 1-2 month’s rent) and the broker’s fee (if applicable)
  - Documents required when applying
    - Letter from your employer stating position, salary, and start date
    - Last two pay stubs (if applicable)
    - Last two year’s tax returns (or proof of consistent income)
    - Last two month’s bank statements
    - Names, addresses and phone numbers of previous landlords
    - Two personal and two business reference letters
    - Verification of other assets (real estate, securities, etc.)
    - Photo identification (driver’s license, passport, etc.)
  - Credit check, a way of confirming money borrowing history, will be conducted on all apartment applicants. An international recruit without a credit history may need to provide additional security deposits, or consider other options (such as subletting).

- **Become familiar** with the New York City transit system.
  - Train, subway and bus lines are more often more relevant than actual distances when thinking about housing, child care and schooling locations.
Other websites that may be helpful are:

- www.homeaway.com
- www.nyhabitat.com
- sabbaticalhomes.com
- www.newyork.craigslist.org (a “petites annonces” website often used in New York)

For more information... on short stays

Please find below a list of guest rooms near campus. The following guest rooms offer simple rooms with private baths, all located within a few blocks of Columbia University. As space is extremely limited, we strongly recommend that you reserve your room as soon as possible. Rooms are subject to 13.375% state sales tax, $4.00 city occupancy tax, and $1.50 NYS hotel unit fee. Weekend rates may run higher than weekday rates.

**Guest Rooms at International House**


500 Riverside Drive (between 122nd and 123rd Street)

New York, NY 10027

Phone: 212-316-8436, Fax: 212-316-1827

Email: guestrooms@ihouse-nyc.org

Reservation desk hours; 8 AM-5 PM

Rates start at $125 per night

**Landmark Guest Rooms at Union Theological Seminary**

www.utsnyc.edu/NETCOMMUNITY/Page.aspx?&pid=520&srcid=256

3041 Broadway (at 121st Street)

New York, NY 10027

Phone: 212-280-1313, Fax: 212-280-1488

Email: landmark@uts.columbia.edu

Reservation desk hours; 10 AM-4 PM

Rates start at $135 per night

**Guest Rooms at Teachers College**

http://www.tc.columbia.edu/abouttc/visit.htm?id=Guest+Housing

517 W. 121st Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam)

New York, NY 10027

Phone: 212-678-3235, Fax: 212-678-3222

Email: housing@tc.columbia.edu

Reservation desk hours; 9 AM-5 PM

Rates start at $135 per night

**The Lucerne Hotel**

www.thelucernehotel.com

201 West 79th Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam)

New York, NY 10024

Phone: 212-875-1000, 800-492-8122

Rates start at $200 per night
**Child Care and Schooling**

Alliance Visiting Professors are fully responsible for searching and finding schools for their children. If possible, your children's medical records (including vaccinations dates) and school transcripts should be translated into English before your arrival. Columbia’s **Office of Work/Life** can provide assistance. Their **School and Child Care Search Service** helps families navigate their children’s educational options in the New York City metropolitan area.

**For more information...** on how to find schools and child care services

- Access Columbia University child care and schooling resources:
  - Consult with Office of Work/Life specialists in person, or by phone, email or Skype.
- Consult the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Child Care/Day Care website:
  - Please note that there are a variety of child care options, including center-based early child care programs, in-home care, and family and group child care.
  - Many types of child care require advance arrangements and most child care centers start their enrollment process one year in advance.
- Learn about enrollment in a free of charge, public school in New York:
  - Visit [http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/NewStudents/Peak+Enrollment.htm](http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/NewStudents/Peak+Enrollment.htm).
  - Please note that you cannot enroll in a public (no charge) school until you and your children reside in New York City; however, you can learn about those school options in advance.
  - Bring important documents with you when enrolling:
    - Child’s birth certificate or passport
    - Child’s immunization record (in English, with vaccination dates)
    - Child’s report card or transcript (in English)
    - Individual Education Program (IEP) for accommodation plan for a child with special needs, if applicable
  - Obtain proof of residence in New York City, such as rental lease or utility bill (gas and electric, phone, cable), once housing is secured.
- Learn about many tuition-based, independent schools in New York:
  - Please note that many private schools start their admissions process a year in advance.
  - Please note that most private schools offer financial aid to qualifying accepted applicants.

**Spouse/Partner Dual Career Search**

For the spouse/partner of a faculty member who is being recruited from outside the New York City metropolitan area, Columbia’s **Office of Work/Life** can provide consultations, through the **Spouse/Partner Dual Career Service**, to assist with the challenges of conducting non-academic job searches and can offer resources for the academic search.

**For more information...** on the Spouse/Partner Dual Career search

- Please visit [http://worklife.columbia.edu/node/50/#section2](http://worklife.columbia.edu/node/50/#section2).
Syllabus

Your host department will ask for your course syllabus. Here are a few guidelines to construct your course syllabus and a list of the information it should contain:

- **Rationale**: Includes not only the rationale for offering the course, but also the role the course will play in the overall curriculum of the department.
- **Course Description**: Provides a detailed description of the content and goals of the course.
- **Reading List and Weekly Outline**: Provides a week-by-week outline of the readings (including numbers of pages to be read each week) and discussion topics for the course. Please remember that an undergraduate lecture course should normally require a minimum of 150 pages of reading per week. If the course will be using films, a separate film list should also be submitted (though films may not be shown during class time).

Upon your arrival

Social Security Number (SSN)

The University requires a Social Security number, or a receipt that application has been made, in order to be processed for the payroll. If you do not have a Social Security number, you must apply for one at a Social Security office as soon as you arrive in the United States.

To apply for a number, you may go to any Social Security Administration (SSA) office listed below, unless you live in Brooklyn or Queens. Additional SSA addresses can be found online at: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

237 West 48th Street, 5th floor
Between 8th Avenue and Broadway

55 West 125th Street
Between Lenox and 5th Avenues

9:00 am - 4:00 p.m.
tel: 1-800-772-1213

Please bring with you the following documents:

- Your passport
- The I-94 departure card (small white card often stapled into the passport)
- DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status)
- A letter from your department stating that you are employed.

Go directly to the designated floor between the business hours indicated above. Try to avoid lunch time, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
**I9 form (Employment Eligibility Verification)**

An I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification form is required of everyone employed in the U.S., including American citizens. Upon your arrival you should inform the ISSO and then complete this form at the I-9 Service Center located in 210 Kent Hall, **no later than the day you begin employment**. You will need to bring your immigration documents to the ISSO to do this.

The ISSO will return the completed form to you to take to the hiring department. In addition to Form I-9, the department will give you New York State tax Form IT-2104 and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-4 to complete. Nonresidents for tax purposes must complete the W-4 according to certain restrictions. Instructions can be found on the ISSO web site at [www.columbia.edu/cu/isso/tax](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/isso/tax).

On-campus employment is subject to U.S. taxation. You may, however, be able to benefit from tax treaty provisions between the United States and France.

For advice on tax issues, you may consult: 
Jade Associates
192 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1101
New York, NY 10016
Tel: 212 673-1200, Fax: 212 504-0871
[www.jade-associates.com](http://www.jade-associates.com)

**Opening a bank account**

Most banks near Columbia require a letter confirming your status and your address before they open an account for you. A bank letter can be issued to you by the ISSO or the Alliance Program upon your arrival. A Social Security Number is not required to open a bank account.

**List of major banks in the Columbia neighborhood:**

- **Banco Popular:**
  - [www.mypopularbanking.com/](http://www.mypopularbanking.com/)
  - 2852 Broadway at West 111th Street;
  - 90 Columbus Avenue at West 96th Street 1200 St;
  - Nicholas Avenue at 170th Street;
  - (800) 377-0800.

- **Bank of America:**
  - [bankofamerica.com](http://bankofamerica.com)
  - 2770 Broadway at West 105th Street, (212) 222-6281;
  - 2547 Broadway at West 96th Street, (212) 961-2050.

- **Chase:**
  - [chase.com](http://chase.com)
  - 2824-26 Broadway at West 109th Street, (212) 961-2050 2875;
  - Broadway and 112th Street, (212) 866-0293;
  - 2551 Broadway and West 96th Street, (212) 666-6110;
  - 322 West 125th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, (212) 280-0362;
  - 3940 Broadway and 165th Street, (212) 740-4086.
• **Citibank:**
  - [citibank.com](http://citibank.com)
  - 2861 Broadway at West 111th Street;
  - 2560 Broadway at West 96th Street;
  - 1310 Amsterdam Ave at West 122nd St;
  - (800) 627-3999.

• **Citibank on-campus ATMs locations:**
  - Alfred Lerner Hall; Bard Hall; Black Building; SIPA; Uris Hall.

• **TD Bank:**
  - [tdbank.com](http://tdbank.com)
  - 2831 Broadway at West 109th Street;
  - 2521 Broadway at West 94th Street;
  - (212) 932-7859.

• **HSBC:**
  - [hsbc.com](http://hsbc.com)
  - 2681 Broadway at West 102nd Street;
  - 1739 Amsterdam Avenue at 96th Street;
  - (800) 975-4722.

❖ **Health insurance through Columbia**

Visiting professors at Columbia must hold a full-time appointment to be eligible to medical benefits. If you are eligible, you must enroll for benefits within 31 days of your start date. For more information, please check the "Benefits in Brief" brochure at: [hr.columbia.edu/benefits](http://hr.columbia.edu/benefits)

❖ **Columbia University ID (CUID)**

You can obtain your Columbia ID card from the ID Center. It is located in Room 204, Kent Hall, and it is open from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Please bring your letter of appointment and passport with you. Upon payment of a $20 fee, the ID card will be issued for you in a few minutes.

The Columbia ID card gives you access to all libraries on campus and to restricted buildings. The card will hold reading and borrowing privileges for the libraries.

❖ **University Network Identification (UNI)**

Your UNI, consisting of your initials plus an arbitrary number of four figures, is the key to accessing your email account (CubMail), as well as computer services and electronic resources at Columbia. You will use it to gain access, for example, to restricted library information, human resources and benefits information.

To activate and manage your UNI, please go to: [www.columbia.edu/acis/tools/index.html](http://www.columbia.edu/acis/tools/index.html)
During the semester

CourseWorks

CourseWorks is Columbia's online course management system that provides course-specific websites for instructors and students. To access CourseWorks, you must log in with your UNI and password.

Faculty can use CourseWorks to:
- Inform students about the classroom location, meeting time, and instructors' contact information
- Present the course introduction and overview
- Add and edit basic course information such as a weekly syllabus and reading lists
- Facilitate online discussions
- Disseminate documents, assignments and short readings to the class
- Present film clips, slides, maps, animations or audio clips
- Provide links to online library resources including library reserves, reference tools and electronic books.

For more information... about the use of CourseWorks
- ccnmtl.columbia.edu/our_services/tools/courseworks/courseworks_faqs.html

Teaching

Teaching in the United States is rather different than other places in the world. Especially in an institution such as Columbia, the relation between student and professor is much emphasized and encouraged. The class is not usually taught in lecture mode; it is rather taught as a seminar where students participate and express their minds. Professors try to build their class structure in a way that they allow for class discussion with the students. Further communication with the students after class ends is encouraged, in order for the students to receive the utmost level of knowledge and feedback an instructor can provide.

Students tend to email professors after class ends to continue discussion or ask further questions. For this reason, the University has set up specific hours, called Office Hours, where students can meet with professors to discuss any issues that might exist. Professors should also be reachable via email and should check their email accounts regularly during the course of a semester.

A course generally lasts 1hr50.

Grading

Columbia's grading system is as follows: A, excellent; B, good; C, fair; D, passing but poor; F, failure. Plus and minus letter grades are also used. Faculty members upload the students' grades in CourseWorks at the end of the semester.
 Libraries

Columbia University Libraries are home to 10.4 million volumes, 144,787 current serial subscriptions, 26 million manuscripts and 979,096 rare books and 174,032 government documents, among many others. The 22 Columbia and affiliated libraries range geographically as well as disciplinarily with the heavyweight Butler Library leading in material as well as size.

You will need to your Columbia ID card to enter any library on campus and borrow books.

**For more information...** about the libraries and for a comprehensive map

- [library.columbia.edu/indiv/libraries.html](http://library.columbia.edu/indiv/libraries.html)
Contact Information

❖ Alliance Program

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❖ International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO)

The ISSO serves the international students and scholars on the Morningside campus, including doctoral students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) and students enrolled in the School of Public Health. ISSO is open from 9 am to 5 pm, Mondays through Fridays, except Wednesday mornings when we open at 10:30 a.m.

ISSO
524 Riverside Drive, between West 122nd Street and Tiemann Place
New York, NY 10027
Tel.: 212 854-3587
Fax: 212 854-3966
www.columbia.edu/cu/isso
Email: isso@columbia.edu

❖ Office of Work/Life

Columbia University’s Office of Work/Life fosters the well-being of the Columbia community and its people in the pursuit of meaningful and productive academic, personal and work lives. The Office of Work/Life offers and promotes programs, services, and policies to help the people of Columbia better
manage their work and lives outside of work. For more information, please visit: 

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http://worklife.columbia.edu
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Map of Morningside Campus

http://www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/map/
✦ Academic Calendar 2013-2014

Fall Term 2013

Monday, Sep 2  Labor Day - University Holiday
Tuesday, Sep 3  First Day of Classes
Friday, Sep 13  End of Change of Program Period, Last Day to Add Class, Last Day to Drop a
               Class for SIPA, Last Day to Receive Tuition Refund for Class Dropped
Tuesday, Oct 8  Last Day to Drop Class
Wednesday, Oct 16 October Degrees Conferred
Thursday, Oct 17 Midterm Date
Monday, Nov 4  Academic Holiday
Tuesday, Nov 5  Election Day - University Holiday
Thursday, Nov 14 Last Day to Pass/Fail
Thursday, Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day - University Holiday
Friday, Nov 29  University Holiday
Monday, Dec 9  Last Day of Classes
Dec 10 – Dec. 12 Study Days
Dec 13 – Dec. 20 Final Examinations

Spring Term 2014

Monday, Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observed - University Holiday
Tuesday, Jan 21 First Day of Classes
Friday, Jan 31  End of Change of Program Period, Last Day to Add Class, Last Day to Receive
               Tuition Refund for Class Dropped
Wednesday, Feb 12 February Degrees Conferred
Tuesday, Feb 25  Last Day to Drop Class
Monday, Mar 10  Midterm Date
Mar 17 – Mar 21 Spring Recess
Thursday, Mar 27 Last Day to Pass/Fail
Monday, May 5  Last Day of Classes
May 6 – May 8  Study Days
May 9 – May 16 Final Examinations
Wednesday, May 21 Commencement
## Facts and Figures about Columbia University

### FACULTY SIZE

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### UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

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<td>13,463</td>
<td>15,793</td>
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<td>13%</td>
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### STUDENT ENROLLMENT (FALL 2008)

| Undergraduate 7,584                  |
| Morningside Graduate 5,177           |
| Morningside Professional 7,411       |
| Medical Center 3,231                 |
| Special Programs and Nondegree       |
| Students 2,056                       |
| University Total 25,459              |

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE

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<td>6%</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>32%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>34%</td>
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<td>17%</td>
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<td>30%</td>
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<tr>
<td>University Total</td>
<td>16%</td>
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Number of Countries Represented, Fall 2008: 137
Most-represented Countries, Fall 2008: China, South Korea, India, Canada, Taiwan

### DEGREES AWARDED (2008–2009)

| Undergraduate 1,857                  |
| Morningside Graduate 3,495           |
| Morningside Professional 2,867       |
| Medical Center 1,005                 |
| University Total 9,224               |

### AVERAGE COST AT COLUMBIA, 2010-2011

| Tuition                              | $41,160 |
| Mandatory Fees                       | $2,144  |
| Orientation & Transcript Fee (new students only) | $511  |
| Room & Board                         | $10,570 |
| Books & Personal Expenses            | $2,807  |
| Average Cost of Attendance           | $57,192 |

### ALUMNI

Columbia has 285,563 alumni living in the United States, its territories, and 182 foreign countries.

For a complete list of Columbia University Statistics please visit [www.columbia.edu/content/statistics-facts.html](http://www.columbia.edu/content/statistics-facts.html)
Getting to Columbia University from the Airport

By Taxi From the New York Area Airports

For visitors coming into LaGuardia, John F. Kennedy or Newark airports, taxi service is available to the campus (about $25 from LaGuardia; from Kennedy a flat rate of $45 plus tolls and tip), and there is also bus service to Grand Central Station and the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Bus service directly from LaGuardia airport to Columbia, the M60 city bus, is also available.

By Car From the New York Area Airports

From LaGuardia: Take the Grand Central Parkway west to the Triborough/RFK Bridge ($5.50 cash toll), to Manhattan. Follow 125th Street westward 12 blocks to Broadway. Turn left onto Broadway, which is under an elevated subway structure and continue south to 116th Street. University main gate is on the left.

From John F. Kennedy: Take the Van Wyck Expressway (I-678) northeast to the Grand Central Parkway (Exit 10) toward LaGuardia Airport and the Triborough/RFK Bridge. Cross the bridge ($5.50 cash toll) into Manhattan. Follow 125th Street westward 12 blocks to Broadway, which is under an elevated subway structure. Turn left onto Broadway and continue south to 116th Street.

Please note that the main gate is not open to vehicular traffic.

By New York City Public Transportation

Five bus lines (M4, M5, M11, M60, M104) and one subway line (the No. 1 local) serve the Columbia neighborhood. The Columbia stop for the buses and the subway is 116th Street. The M60 bus is a direct link between campus and LaGuardia Airport. Do not use the Nos. 2 and 3 express subway trains, which follow a different route and do not stop at Columbia University. If you take the No. 2 or 3, transfer at 96th Street to the No. 1 local train.

Maps of bus and subway routes are available on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority website.