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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.
Before You Leave Home

Visiting Scholar Status

The Alliance Program can help you enroll as a Visiting Scholar at Columbia University under certain conditions. As a Visiting Scholar, you will be issued a Columbia ID card, a Columbia email address and you will have access to most of the libraries on campus.

In order to apply for this status, please send the following information to Lauranne Bardin (lb2808@columbia.edu) 15 days prior to your arrival:

- CV in English
- Academic contacts at Columbia University
- Date of birth, nationality, immigration status (if you have a visa), exact dates of arrival and departure, address in France, address in the US (if you have one)
- Title of your research or internship project
- Copy of the opening page of your passport

Following this procedure, a Visiting Scholar designation will be issued by ISSO (International Students and Scholars Office) and an official letter will be left for you at the ISSO front desk (see “Contact Information” section on page 11 of this document).

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.

- Scholars from certain eligible countries, such as France, may enter the United States under the Visa Waiver Program. For stays of 90 days or less, they only need a valid passport and the ESTA travel authorization. Please fill out the registration form in advance through the official ESTA website (esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta). For a list of the eligible countries please visit: (france.usembassy.gov/niv_waiver_program.html).
If you are not eligible to enter under the Visa Waiver Program and require a visa, please email Lauranne Bardin (lb2808@columbia.edu) as soon as possible.

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 France: france.usembassy.gov
- About visas: france.usembassy.gov/non-immigrant_visas.html
- French Consulate in New York: www.consulfrance-newyork.org
- ISSO (International Students and Scholars Office): www.columbia.edu/cu/isco

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 11 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.
  - 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
- 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.

**For more information...** on Columbia-Managed Sublets

- Columbia students or faculty/staff generally post their sublet advertisements here for rooms or apartments in Columbia-Managed buildings (UAH). Most sublets are for summer or winter break only, but occasionally longer term sublets can be found. It is open to the public to search.
- Please visit: [https://ocha.facilities.columbia.edu/property/rental?type=sublet](https://ocha.facilities.columbia.edu/property/rental?type=sublet)

**Other websites** that may be helpful are:

- [www.homeaway.com](http://www.homeaway.com)
- [www.nyhabitat.com](http://www.nyhabitat.com)
- [sabbaticalhomes.com](http://www.sabbaticalhomes.com)
- [www.newyork.craigslist.org](http://www.newyork.craigslist.org): a “petites annonces” website often used in New York.
- [www.trulia.com](http://www.trulia.com): an online residential real estate site for home buyers, sellers, renters and real estate professionals. It lists properties for sale and rent as well as neighborhood information and community insights.
- [www.zillow.com](http://www.zillow.com): an online real estate database for sales and rentals. Users can search and post property, get market reports, rental advice or advice for buying or selling a home.

**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
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

De Hirsch Residences at 92Y
www.92y.org/content/de_hirsch_residence.asp
Located at Lexington Avenue and East 92nd Street. Single and double rooms with shared bathrooms available for a minimum period of 30 days. For more information please call 212-415-5650.

Hostels and Hotels:
• Central Park Hostel: www.centralparkhostel.com
• Broadway Hotel: www.broadwayhotelnyc.com/accomodations.asp
• NYC Hostels: www.nychostels.com
• Guide to hostels in New York City: The Hostel Handbook
• Hostelling International: www.hinewyork.org/
• YMCA of Greater New York: www.ymcanyc.org Three Manhattan locations:
  • West Side Y located at 5 West 63rd Street, 212-875-4273;
  • Vanderbilt YMCA at 224 East 47th Street, 212-756-9600;
• Harlem YMCA at 180 West 135th Street, 212-281-4100.
• Single and double rooms available.

🔍 Upon Your Arrival

💡 Columbia University ID (CUID)

If you have gone through all previous steps (as described in the Visiting Scholar section):

• When you arrive at Columbia University, pick up the designation letter at the ISSO front desk (524 Riverside Drive, at 122nd street)
• With the letter and your passport, go to the Columbia ID Office (Room 204, Kent Hall, open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm). Your student ID card will be issued and it will cost $20. Students benefiting from an Alliance grant should ask for a receipt in order to get reimbursed
• Bring a copy of the letter and of the ID card to the Alliance office (1208, International Affairs Building).

You can obtain your Columbia ID from the ID Center located at 204 Kent Hall, open from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Please bring a valid passport or ID with you.

💡 University Network Identification (UNI) and LionMail (email) address

Your UNI, consisting of your initials plus an arbitrary four-digit number, is the key to accessing your email account (LionMail), 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: http://www.columbia.edu/acis/tools/index.html
To log in to LionMail, please go to: http://lionmail.columbia.edu
For instruction on how to set up LionMail on your mobile device or computer, please go to:
   http://cuit.columbia.edu/lionmail-software-mobile-device-setup

🔍 During Your Stay

💡 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.

Your student ID card allows you to access most libraries on campus and gives you reading privileges.
To get borrowing privileges, you must pay a fee of $30 per month. Please contact or go to the Library Information Office for more information (Office 201, Butler Library). Students benefiting from an Alliance grant should ask for a receipt in order to get reimbursed.

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

- Please visit [library.columbia.edu/indiv/libraries.html](library.columbia.edu/indiv/libraries.html).

**Events and Seminars on Campus**

An updated list of upcoming events and seminars hosted or sponsored by Columbia can be found at [www.columbia.edu/events/today.html](www.columbia.edu/events/today.html).

**For more information**... and a comprehensive calendar of events

- Please visit [calendar.columbia.edu/sundial](calendar.columbia.edu/sundial).

**Facilities and Campus Organizations**

The gym facilities of Columbia’s [Dodge Fitness Center](www.dodgefitnesscenter.com) are available for valid CUID card. For membership information, please visit: [www.dodgefitnesscenter.com](www.dodgefitnesscenter.com).

The Ticket and Information Center (TIC), located in the lobby of Alfred Lerner Hall, offers discounted vouchers for many area movie theaters and shows. More information can be found at: [www.cuarts.com/tickets/discountmovies](www.cuarts.com/tickets/discountmovies).

Many [student organizations](www.columbia.edu/content/student-organizations.html) can also help you socialize, find common interests, practice foreign languages and discover interesting events. Student organizations can be found here: [www.columbia.edu/content/student-organizations.html](www.columbia.edu/content/student-organizations.html).

**Tips and Things to do in New York**

Columbia University offers a wide variety of opportunities and discounts to enjoy your stay in New York through its membership with museums and art companies. A great collection of these partnerships can be found in the CU Arts Initiative website [www.cuarts.com](www.cuarts.com).

A list of the [museums with free admission](www.cuarts.com/freemuseums) for valid CUID cardholders can be found here: [www.cuarts.com/freemuseums](www.cuarts.com/freemuseums).


Some [Broadway plays](www.cuarts.com/page/tic_broadway) can also be found on sale through [www.cuarts.com/page/tic_broadway](www.cuarts.com/page/tic_broadway).
With the recent boom of **deal-of-the-day websites** that offer discounted coupons on many services, many great opportunities can be found even on a budget. Here is a small list of them:

- [www.groupon.com](http://www.groupon.com)
- [www.bunchop.com](http://www.bunchop.com)
- [www.livingsocial.com](http://www.livingsocial.com)
- [www.dailycandy.com/all-cities/deals](http://www.dailycandy.com/all-cities/deals)
- [www.villagevines.com](http://www.villagevines.com)

**For more information...** on local events and activities

- [The Village Voice](http://www.villagevoice.com)
- [Time Out New York](http://www.timeout.com)
- [The Paperless Guide to New York City](http://www.paperlesstourism.com)
- [NYCTourist](http://www.nyctourist.com)
- [NYNow](http://www.nynow.com)
- [Yahoo! New York](http://www.yahoo.com)

**Currency exchange rates** can be found using the Oanda Currency Converter: [http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/](http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/).
Contact Information

❖ **Alliance Program**

Alliance Program  
Columbia University  
1208 International Affairs Building  
420 West 118th Street  
New York, NY 10027, USA  
Phone: 212-854-2056  
Fax: 212-854-8577  
[www.columbia.edu/cu/alliance](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/alliance)

Alessia Lefébure  
Program Director  
Email: al3012@columbia.edu

Lauranne Bardin  
Assistant Director  
Email: lb2808@columbia.edu

❖ **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/isco](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/isco)  
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: http://worklife.columbia.edu.

Carol Hoffman, Associate Provost and Director of Work/Life
Tel.: +1 (212) 854-6323
Email: choffman@columbia.edu

Alice Lesman, Director of Housing Information and Referral
Tel.: +1 (212) 851-9182
Email: al2775@columbia.edu

Deborah Ashe, Director of School and Child Care Search Service
Tel.: +1 (212) 851-9183
Email: da2415@columbia.edu

Office of Work/Life
516 West 112th Street
New York, NY 10025
Fax: +1 (212) 851-1886
http://worklife.columbia.edu
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- [http://www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/map/](http://www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/map/)
❖ Lamont Campus Map

**Lamont Shuttle Bus Schedule**

**The Shuttle** transports passengers between the Columbia University Morningside Campus in Manhattan and the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Campus in Palisades, New York. **At Columbia**, the bus stop is at 120th Street (by guard booth in front of Teacher’s College). **At Lamont**, the bus stop is in front of the Geoscience Building.

**The Southbound (Lamont to Morningside) Shuttles** at 10am, 11 am, 12 noon and 2pm will stop at Parker Plaza in Fort Lee, NJ to pick up passengers, and at 167th & Broadway (Medical Center) to discharge passengers.

**The Northbound (Morningside to Lamont) Shuttles** at 11 am, 1 pm and 2 pm will stop on the North East Corner of 167th Street and Broadway (Medical Center) to pick up passengers, and will stop at Parker Plaza in Fort Lee, NJ to discharge passengers.

The shuttle is free to all riders. **Seats on the shuttle will be made available on a first come, first serve basis.** At times when the number of people waiting at the bus stop exceeds the capacity of the bus, riders with a Columbia ID will be admitted first. Anyone without an ID card can ride the bus at no cost only if extra seats are available.

The shuttle is managed by Columbia University Central Administration, through the Transportation Office (Anthony Wheeler, phone 212-854-3382). **Columbia Transportation Services** also runs a network of shuttle buses among Morningside campus, the Medical Center and Harlem Hospital. Shuttle service is available to all Columbia University affiliates free of charge. At Lamont, the service is supported by the Facilities & Engineering Department (Patricia Temple, phone 845-365-8842). For further information or questions, please contact Patricia Temple.

**WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:**

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**Note:**
For information on a delayed bus, call Vincent Zukowski (201) 420-7000 ext 2260 or (201)725-5443.
**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
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Number of Countries Represented, Fall 2008: 137
Most-represented Countries, Fall 2008: China, South Korea, India, Canada, Taiwan

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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)
❖ List of Dual Degree and Joint Programs

The Alliance Program proposes a range of challenging and selective dual degrees for an integrated education across the Atlantic:

**Undergraduate Programs:**
- Dual B.A. program: Columbia University (School of General Studies) and Sciences Po (Reims Campus)
- Dual degree B.A./M.A. program between Columbia College (B.A.) and Sciences Po (M.A.)
- Dual degree B.A./M.A. program between Barnard College (B.A.) and Sciences Po (M.A.)
- Student exchange programs (Columbia College, Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po, and Panthéon-Sorbonne University)

**Graduate Programs:**
- Dual degree in Master of International Affairs: Sciences Po and SIPA (School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University)
- Dual degree in Master of Public Affairs: with Sciences Po, SIPA (School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University), the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore (LKY SPP)
- Dual degree in Master of Mathematics of Finance: Ecole Polytechnique and Department of Mathematics (Columbia University)
- Dual J.D./Master’s in French Law: Columbia Law School and Panthéon-Sorbonne University
- Dual J.D./Master’s in Global Business Law: Columbia Law School, Sciences Po, and Panthéon-Sorbonne University
- Joint Certificate in European, International, and Comparative Economic Law and Governance: Columbia Law School, Sciences Po, and Panthéon-Sorbonne University
- Dual degree in Master of Journalism: Sciences Po and Columbia University
- Global Master’s degree in Development Practice: global network including Columbia University and Sciences
- Dual degree in Master of Art History/Museum Studies: Columbia University Department of Art History and Panthéon-Sorbonne University Department of Art History
- Dual Certificate in African Studies: Columbia University and Panthéon-Sorbonne University
- Internship Program in Sustainable Development: Columbia University and Ecole Polytechnique
- Student exchange programs (Columbia University, Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po and Panthéon-Sorbonne University)

**Doctoral Programs:**
- Partner PhD program in Political Science: Columbia University and Sciences Po
- Doctoral exchange program: Columbia University (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences) and Sciences Po
- Alliance Call for Doctoral Mobility (short-term mobility grant)
Living Costs in New York

Housing • Whether you are living in University housing or on your own, the cost of renting an apartment/house depends on a number of factors, starting with how many bedrooms you would like, where you would like to live, and whether you are willing to share an apartment or home. It’s important to educate yourself about the New York City metropolitan area housing market to determine realistic housing expenses. You can start by consulting the Apartment Hunting Resources page.

Utilities • Utility costs consist of electricity, gas, oil, water, phone, cable, and/or internet service. Costs vary depending upon the level of service you require and which company provides you services.

Food/Groceries • There are many options for meals while you are a student. In order to determine how much you may expect to spend on food each month, be honest with yourself about how much you’ll be eating in restaurants versus cooking at home. Restaurants and groceries in New York City tend to be expensive. To get a realistic idea of how much groceries may cost you each week, you may want to consult FreshDirect. For an estimate of how much restaurants around the University may cost, visit MenuPages.

Commuting • Commuting to and from campus and elsewhere include public transit costs (for example, your MTA Metrocard or train/bus pass), cab fare, parking costs, and/or fuel, etc. To learn the current costs for the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and the New York City Transit Authority (the Subway) fares consult the MTA website. New Jersey Transit passengers are eligible for a discount on monthly passes; see the Transportation section of the Columbia website for more information.

Budget • We estimate that you will need $2,000 per month for your individual living expenses. This amount is realistic, but conservative. It is possible that you will require more than $2,000 per month. You should also take into account currency fluctuations, ensuring that you have more than the required amount available in the event the value of your country’s currency decreases. For one of many online currency converters, go to www.xe.com.

The following table lists estimated living expenses based upon reasonable expenditures over a one-month period. To determine a more realistic cost of living, however, you will need to adjust these figures to account for the personal expenses particular to your lifestyle.

Estimated Living Expenses (monthly)

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<td>Room &amp; Board (rent, utilities, etc.)</td>
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Getting to Columbia University from the Airport

By Taxi from the New York Area Airports

For visitors coming into La Guardia, John F. Kennedy (JFK), or Newark Airport, taxi service is available to the campus (about $25 from LaGuardia; from JFK a flat rate of $52 plus tolls and tip). From Newark, taxis cost roughly $70.

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 La Guardia 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 Columbia’s college walk, the pathway through the main gates, is not open to vehicular traffic.

By 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. If you take the No. 2 or 3 express trains, be sure to transfer at 96th Street to the No. 1 local train so you do not miss Columbia’s 116th street stop.

You can ask for any bus service that goes to Grand Central Station and the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Both of these stops are served by the subway line (the number 1) that takes you to Columbia.

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

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