

## 2008-2009 SUGGESTED LENDERS FOR FEDERAL GRADUATE PLUS LOANS

The chart below outlines the lender contact information and the lender description of the fee structure, interest rates, and borrower benefits associated with each lender's loan product for loans disbursed on or after **July 1, 2008** except where otherwise noted. Contact the lender directly for any updated information and for any additional disclosure information. Although the Financial Aid Office has attempted to provide accurate information, the accuracy, completeness and reliability of the information is not guaranteed by Columbia University. The terms, benefits, and conditions of the loan products offered by the lenders listed below are subject to change at the discretion of the lenders. Borrowers should review and verify the exact terms, conditions, qualifications, and disclosures associated with any loan product with the lender. Lenders listed here are merely suggested lenders. This is not an exhaustive list of available lenders. Students have the right and ability to select the education loan provider of their choice, are not required to use any of these suggested lenders and will suffer no penalty for choosing a lender that is not included here as a suggested lender. If you find a better rate, please inform the financial aid office of your school.

<b>Lender</b>	<b>Access Group</b> Lender Code: 808851 800-334-0540 <a href="http://www.accessgroup.org/columbia">www.accessgroup.org/columbia</a>	<b>Bank of America</b> Lender Code:824421 800-344-8382 <a href="http://www.bankofamerica.com/studentloans">www.bankofamerica.com/studentloans</a>	<b>Chase</b> Lender Code: 803000 800-487-4404 <a href="http://www.chasestudentloans.com/custom/columbia">www.chasestudentloans.com/custom/columbia</a>	<b>Citibank</b> Lender Code: 826878 800-967-2400 <a href="http://www.studentloan.com/schools/columbia">www.studentloan.com/schools/columbia</a>	<b>T.H.E.</b> Lender Code: 866529 866-315-9036 <a href="http://www.theloanprogram.org">www.theloanprogram.org</a>
<b>Federal Default Fee</b>	0.0% to 1.0% depending on guarantor	0.0% to 1.0% depending on guarantor	0.0% to 1.0% depending on guarantor	0.0% to 1.0% depending on guarantor	0.0% to 1.0% depending on guarantor
<b>Origination Fee</b>	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
<b>Interest Rate</b>	Fixed at 8.5%	Fixed at 8.5%	Fixed at 8.5%	Fixed at 8.5%	Fixed at 8.5%
<b>Special Programs</b>	1) Graduate students can receive instant credit decision with online application ( <a href="http://www.accessgroup.org">www.accessgroup.org</a> ). E-signature and online payment options. 2) Work with denied applicants to consider how to improve chances of loan approval or suggest other funding options. 3) Automatic in-school deferment for at least half-time status. 4) Six-month forbearance by request after graduation.	1) Graduate students can receive instant credit decision with online application ( <a href="http://www.bankofamerica.com/studentloans">www.bankofamerica.com/studentloans</a> ) E-signature and online payment options. 2) Should an applicant be initially denied, options on how to remedy are provided. 3) Automatic in-school deferment for at least half-time status. 4) Six-month forbearance by request after graduation	1) Graduate students can receive an instant credit decision with online application ( <a href="http://www.chasestudentloans.com/custom/columbia">http://www.chasestudentloans.com/custom/columbia</a> ) or by phone (800-487-4404). E-signature and online payment options. 2) Automatic "second look" for denied applicants. 3) Automatic in-school deferment for at least half time status. 4) Six-month forbearance by request after graduation. 5) Endorser option available.	1) Graduate students can receive instant credit decision with online application ( <a href="http://www.studentloan.com/schools/columbia">www.studentloan.com/schools/columbia</a> ). E-signature and online payment options. 2) PLUS Credit Assistance Program reviews adverse credit issues to determine if/how issued might be resolved. 3) Automatic in-school deferment for at least half-time status. 4) Six-month forbearance by request after graduation.	1) Graduate students can receive instant credit decision with online application ( <a href="http://www.theloanprogram.org">www.theloanprogram.org</a> ). E-signature and online payment options. 2) Automatic in-school deferment for at least half-time status. 3) Federal deferment and forbearance options exist.
<b>Repayment Incentives<sup>1</sup></b>	1) 0.25% interest rate reduction for auto-debit payment.	1) 0.25% interest rate reduction after the first on-time payment for Bank of America checking or savings account customers. 2) Once earned, the interest rate reduction remains for	1) A 0.25% interest rate reduction for auto-debit payment. 2) The interest rate reduction will not lower the monthly payment amount but will reduce the interest	1) 0.25% interest rate reduction for auto-debit payment. 2) Automatic 0.5% interest rate reduction at repayment. 3) Unlimited recovery: If student loses benefit due to	1) 0.25% interest rate reduction for auto-debit payment.

<sup>1</sup> Repayment incentives may not apply to consolidated loans.

		the life-of-the loan. 3) Auto-debit payments are not required.	that accrues, thereby reducing the total amount repaid. 3) This interest rate reduction will begin when the borrower enrolls for and begins having payments automatically deducted by Chase and will remain in effect as long as automatic payments continue without interruption.	late or missed payments, a student may regain benefit by making 24 consecutive on time payments. 4) Zero loan payments the last six months when all payments are made on time.	
<b>Repayment Options</b>	Standard, graduated, extended, and income-sensitive repayment options. Interest capitalization; once at repayment.	Standard, graduated, extended, and income-sensitive repayment options. Interest capitalization; once at repayment.	Standard, graduated, extended and income-sensitive repayment options. Interest capitalization; once at repayment.	Standard, graduated, extended, and income-sensitive repayment options. Interest capitalization; once at repayment.	Standard, graduated, extended, and income-sensitive repayment options. Interest capitalization; once at repayment.
<b>Repayment Period</b>	10 years; 25 years with extended repayment option	10 years; 25 years with extended repayment option	10 years; 25 years with extended repayment option	10 years; 25 years with extended repayment option	10 years; 25 years with extended repayment option

## **Columbia University's Disclosure Concerning Lenders 2008-2009**

The suggested lenders for 2008-2009 were chosen as a result of a Request for Proposal ("RFP") process conducted in 2007-2008. Three separate RFPs were issued, one for Federal Family Education Loan Program Loans ("FFELP") loan products ("FFELP RFP"), one for private loan products ("Private Loan RFP"), and one for private loan products for international students ("International Loan RFP"). Led by the AVP for Student Administrative Services, a committee of seven of the University's financial aid directors contributed to the drafting of the three separate RFP's, selected lenders to receive each of the RFPs, and selected candidates for the University's suggested lender list. The committee in conjunction with University senior management chose the final list of suggested lenders for each type of loan: FFELP loans, private loans and loans for international students.

The University issued each of the RFP's to between nine and fifteen lenders. Not all lenders that offer the relevant loan products received an RFP and not all lenders that received an RFP responded. The University considered the responding lenders' proposals and a variety of factors including: rates; terms; fees; capitalization policies; aggregate borrowing limits; eligibility and approval rates; customer service (for example, call response time, experience of call center representatives, availability of toll free customer service numbers); reputation; experience; management practices; application, certification, and fund disbursement processes; loan proceed return and cancellation policies; repayment policies (for example, option to prepay without penalty, maximum term offered, and grace period); repayment incentives and options; deferment and forbearance policies; cosigner release policies; availability of identified service representatives to assist with issue resolution; default aversion policies; and reporting capabilities.

For the FFELP RFP, cost and eligibility factors were given the same weight as customer service factors including process flexibility and data reporting. For the Private Loan RFP and International Loan RFP, cost and eligibility were given the same weight as customer service factors including process flexibility, data reporting, and comprehensiveness. One of the lenders selected through the International Loan RFP process provides additional benefits by making available a limited amount of loans to international students who do not have established credit or a creditworthy U.S. citizen co-borrower.

As the University considered qualitative as well as quantitative factors, the interest rate, fees, or loan cost offered by any of the suggested lenders may not be the lowest available. In addition, a lender may change the rates, terms, fees and other information from that which was offered in their original RFP proposal(s). Students and parents are not required to use the lenders on the suggested lender list and may use any lender of their choice, including lenders not on the suggested lender list. Students are encouraged to shop around to find the lender offering the rates, terms, and service that are right for them.