

# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID

## **FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST**

### **PRIOR TO RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE:**

- Complete 2012/2013 FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
  - o Columbia FAFSA School Code: 002707

### **AFTER RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE:**

- Accept/Decline awards
  1. Log onto NetPartner (<https://studentviewer.finaid.columbia.edu>) using your CU ID# (begins with C followed by nine digits) and your password, which is your date of birth in MMDDYYYY format. DO NOT LOG IN AS A FIRST TIME USER.
  2. Click on **Accept Awards** tab
  3. Change status from “Pending” to “Accept” or “Decline”
  4. Click on **Submit** button
- Complete required loan documents (Follow links under **Documents** tab of NetPartner)
  - Master Promissory Note (MPN) for Federal Direct Stafford Loans
  - Entrance Interview /Counseling for graduate students (covers both Stafford and Grad PLUS loan)
  - Federal Perkins Loan Promissory Note (if awarded)
  - Federal Perkins Loan Entrance Counseling (if awarded)

### **IF NECESSARY, REVIEW OPTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR ADDITIONAL LOAN FUNDS:**

- To apply for a Federal Graduate PLUS Loan
  1. Go to [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/docs/Grad\\_Fin\\_Aid/School\\_Offices/index.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/docs/Grad_Fin_Aid/School_Offices/index.html)
  2. Click on **graduate financial aid**
  3. Click on **school offices**
  4. Click on **School of Architecture**
  5. Click **Forms and Publications**
  6. At the bottom of the screen, click on **2012-2013 Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Request and Credit Authorization Form**
  7. Login and complete form
  8. If you have not done so already, go to [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) to complete Federal Graduate PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note.
- For the private loan, you will apply directly on the lenders' website. Choose any lender funding private student loans and complete an online application with the lender. For a list of lenders, please visit: [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/docs/Grad\\_Fin\\_Aid/suggested\\_lenders/index.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/docs/Grad_Fin_Aid/suggested_lenders/index.html). INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS may choose to borrow a variable interest rate private educational loan with a creditworthy U.S. cosigner or investigate home country resources.