## Annual Report: Community Scholars Program

Number of Applications Received: **13**  
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### Additional Supporting Documentation

- Copies of public notifications and/or announcements of available scholarships
- Columbia Community Scholars Program: Prospective Scholars Application
- Columbia Community Scholars Program: Community Scholars & Project Descriptions: Cohort VI
- Columbia Community Scholars Program: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Information about the Community Scholars program, including application and instructions on how to apply were distributed electronically and/or physically to the following officials and organizations below. In many instances, follow-up calls were conducted.

**Elected Officials**
- Rep. Jerrold Nadler (District 10)
- Rep. Adriano Espaillat (District 13)
- State Senator Marisol Alcantara
- Assembly Member Daniel J. O'Donnell (District 69)
- Assembly Member Al Taylor (District 71)
- Assembly Member Carmen De La Rosa (District 72)
- Mayor Bill de Blasio
- Public Advocate Letitia James
- Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
- City Council Member Mark Levine
- City Council Member Bill Perkins (District 9)
- City Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez (District 10)

**Community Boards Chairs and Dist. Managers for:**
- Community Board 9
- Community Board 10
- Community Board 11
- Community Board 12
- Community Board 7

**Civic and Tenant Organizations**
- 125th Street Business Improvement District (BID)
- Citizens Against Recidivism
- College and Community Fellowship
- The Correctional Association of New York
- The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce
- The Schomburg Center for Black Culture
- Neighboring Tenant Associations
- 3333 Broadway Tenant Association
- Manhattanville Houses Tenant Association
- Morningside Gardens Tenant Association
- Ulysses D. Grant Houses Tenant Association
- Morningside Area Alliance
Email Marketing

Email campaigns were developed and sent to our list of over 800 individuals, most of which are community leaders in Upper Manhattan. The following emails were sent and are attached.

04/30/2018: Community Scholars Extension Email
812 Successful Deliveries, 484 Total Opens and 121 Click-throughs

02/21/2018: Community Scholars Announcement Email
650 Successful Deliveries, 504 Total Opens and 263 Click-throughs

Social Media

This year, with our newly developed social media accounts (@ColumbiaGCA), we boosted awareness of the program through a series of tweets and facebook posts. A sample of our postings are attached and below is a synopsis of our social media outreach efforts.

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Print Advertising

As part of our broader advertising efforts to the community, we have included an ad highlighting a number of programs at the University, including the Community Scholars Info Session and information on how to apply to become a community scholar. The advertisement is attached and the print publications are listed below:

- Westside Spirit
- Manhattan Times
- El diario/La prensa
- Amsterdam News
- El especialito
- New York Beacon
- Daily Challenge
- Harlem News
- Spectator
- African American Observer

In addition, we included the Community Scholars program in the Community Benefits section of The Columbia Newsletter...News for our Neighbors - which is distributed directly to over 18000 individuals in Upper Manhattan. An additional 4000 copies are distributed at numerous events throughout the year and sent to the following locations:
Barnard College
Community Impact
Columbia University Earth Institute
Double Discovery Center
3333 Broadway Tenant Association
Harlem Arts Alliance
Jackie Robinson Senior Center
Schomburg Center For Research in Black Culture
Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce
Harlem Business Alliance
NY Women's Chamber of Commerce
Community Board 10
Community Board 12
Community Board 7
Harlem School of the Arts
125th Street Business Improvement District
New York City Mayor's Community Affairs Unit
Office of Congressman Jerrold Nadler
Office of Congressman Adriano Espaillat
Office of State Senator Marisol Alcantara
Office of Assemblymember Al Taylor
Office of State Senator Brian Benjamin
Jerome L. Greene Science Center
West Harlem Development Corporation
Harlem Community Development Corporation
Dominican Sunday
Community Board 9
Office of Assemblymember Inez Dickens
Office of Assemblymember Carmen de la Rosa
Office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
Office of New York City Public Advocate Letitia James
Office of New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer
Office of Council Member Corey Johnson
Office of Council Member Helen Rosenthal
Office of Council Member Mark Levine
Office of Council Member Bill Perkins
Office of Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez
Teachers College Community School
The Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science and Engineering
The School at Columbia
Harlem Center for Education
Abyssinian Baptist Church
Studio Museum
The East Harlem Chamber of Commerce
WE ACT
National Black Theater Inc.
The New York Urban League
Workforce 1 Center
Dwyer Cultural Center
Manhattanville Houses
Central Harlem Senior Citizens Center
Dance Harlem
Palante Harlem
Grant Houses
Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone
Development Corporation
Centro Civico
Office of Council Member Melissa Mark Viverito
The Honorable Daniel O'Donnell
Harlem Park to Park
Hamilton Grange Neighborhood Senior Center
Manhattanville Housing Senior Center
Mannie Wilson Towers
UBA Manhattanville Housing
Wilson Major Morris Community Center
ARC XVI A. Philip Randolph Senior Center
Canaan Neighborhood Senior Center
Dorothy Day Apartments
Abyssinian Towers
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Center For Justice
Roone Arledge Auditorium
Miller Theatre
Visitors Center
Uris Hall Cafe
Dodge Fitness Center
Columbia University Employment Information Center
Teachers College: Office of School and Community Partnerships
Teachers College: Office of Student Affairs
Joe Coffee @ Science Building
Lenfest Center For The Arts
Studebaker
The Tamer Center for Social Enterprise
Columbia-Harlem SBDC
Apply to be a Columbia Community Scholar

The Office of Government and Community Affairs is currently accepting applications for the Columbia Community Scholars program beginning this Fall. **Applications are due on April 26th, 2018.** The program, one of the benefits associated with the Manhattanville Campus Expansion, offers independent, community-based scholars from Northern Manhattan access to a suite of Columbia University services and resources in order to work toward the completion of a particular project or to attain skill in a particular area. We hope you will share this announcement with people you think would make great candidates.
For those with questions regarding the application process, we are hosting a Columbia Community Scholars Program Information Session on Wednesday, March 14th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Burden Room of Columbia University's Low Library (Room 206). Please RSVP via our website.

Please visit our website for detailed information on eligibility, application requirements and program terms.

Learn More

The Office of Government and Community Affairs at Columbia University

535 W. 116th St.
302 Low Library
New York, NY 10027
United States

Unsubscribe
Deadline Extended - Apply Before May 17th!

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Program benefits include access to all University libraries (including on-line access), program advising, course auditing privileges, dialogue with scholars in a pertinent field of study, and the ability to participate in forums, seminars and other campus activities.

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Apply Today!

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MARCH 21–25, 2018

The Inaugural Dr. Saul and Dorothy Kit Film Noir Festival

The Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of: Paris 1946 and American Film Noir

Columbia University
Lenfest Center for the Arts
615 W. 129th St.
(enter on 125th Street)
New York, NY 10027


arts.columbia.edu/noir

Funded by a generous gift from Gordon Kit (Columbia College Class of 1976) in honor of his parents.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Columbia Community Scholars Info Session
6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
206 Low Library, Morningside campus

Columbia offers independent, community-based scholars from Northern Manhattan access to a range of University services and resources at no cost to participants: access to University libraries, course auditing privileges, dialogue with scholars, and participation in seminars and social events developed for the group. Application deadline: Thursday, April 26. For more info, call 212-854-5710, visit gca.columbia.edu or email communityaffairs@columbia.edu.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Harlem Chamber Players Spring Concert
4:00 P.M.
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 521 W. 126th St., New York, NY

For their seventh annual concert, the musicians are joined by the highly acclaimed students from the Opus 118 Harlem School of Music. Tickets $20, $15 for students and seniors.

Visit harlemchamberplayers.org for more info and to buy tickets.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Afro-Travel: Music of the Yosvany Terry Quintet
7:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.
Lenfest Center for the Arts, 615 W. 129th St., New York, NY

The quintet’s performance concentrates on the African diaspora travels and geographies informing their work, a wide variety of black musical influences. Free but RSVP is required.

Email columbiajazzstudies@gmail.com to secure your seat; call 212-851-9270 for more info.

events.columbia.edu

For disability services, call (212) 854-2284 prior to the event.
There's still time to apply for the Columbia Community Scholars Program! The program gives community members a formal opportunity to access resources and participate in the intellectual life of the University. Applications close 4/26.

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**Get More Likes, Comments and Shares**

Boost this post for $50 to reach up to 40,000 people.

- 11,013 people reached
- 72 likes
- 3 comments
- 21 shares
Columbia GCA @ColumbiaGCA
We are currently accepting applications for the @Columbia Community Scholars program beginning this Fall. Applications are due on April 26, 2018! We are also holding an Information Session on Wednesday, March 14th from 6-7:00pm. Learn more: https://gca.columbia.edu/content/community-scholars.... pic.twitter.com/Hs3tQNZVjr

Impressions 397

Total engagements 16

Link clicks 7

Media engagements 3

Likes 3

Detail expands 2

Retweets 1
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The Office of Government & Community Affairs at Columbia University shared a video.

Published by Logos Gca [?]. April 30.

Application Deadline Extended! Now May 17th! Learn more at https://gca.columbia.edu/.../community-scholars-application-i...

Columbia University in the City of New York

April 23.

There’s still time to apply for the Columbia Community Scholars Program! The program gives community members a formal opportunity to access resources and participate in the intellectual life of the University. Applications close 4/26.

20 people reached

5 likes and comments

1 like

0 comments

2 post clicks

Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts
Columbia GCA @ColumbiaGCA

The deadline to apply for the Columbia Community Scholars program has been extended! Apply today!
https://gca.columbia.edu/content/community-scholars-application-information ...
pic.twitter.com/Eh2roKgZI3

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Total engagements
16

Detail expands
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4
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4
Retweets
1
Media engagements
1

Promote your Tweet

Your Tweet has 546 total impressions so far. Get more impressions on this Tweet!

Promote your Tweet
Reminder: Register for the Columbia Community Scholars Information Session before Wednesday, March 14!
Applications are due on May 17th for the Columbia Community Scholars program beginning in Fall of 2018.

Scholars are granted access to all University libraries (including on-line access), course auditing privileges (in departments offering auditable courses), dialogue with scholars in their field of study, and the ability to participate in seminars and social events. A Scholar may wish to avail him or herself of all or some of the services offered. The program's administrators assist each Scholar in connecting to relevant resources.
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Application for the next Columbia Community Scholars cohort beginning in Fall of 2018 are currently being accepted. Applications are now due on Thursday May 17th!

Eligibility:

1. You must be a Borough of Manhattan resident living north of 96th Street
2. You cannot have a current affiliation with Columbia University
3. You must have a High School Diploma, GED or equivalent

Application Content and Format

- Formatting and Content Guidelines

Please follow the following guidelines when submitting your application.

- 11 or 12 point font
- Normal margins (top 1”; bottom 1”; left 1”; right 1”)
- Numbered – bottom of page
- If printed, single-sided on 8.5x11” paper
- If possible, please upload or email your proposal as one PDF document

Applications submitted must include the information noted below and be submitted in order.

- Section 1: Application Cover Page

Please sign and complete the application cover page and include it as the cover page of your application.

- Section 2: Personal Narrative

1-2 pages describing your educational and/or professional background.
Section 3: Project Description

1-2 pages describing the project you propose to pursue. Please include:

- Your anticipated goals and outcomes
- University resources you would like to access (i.e. courses to audit, library, etc.)
- A brief statement on how your project might be of benefit or interest to the larger community

Section 4: Required Documentation

Please provide the following information to verify your eligibility and support your application.

- Résumé, or Curriculum Vitae (Required)
- Copy of your High School transcript, GED/TASC, OR explanation of equivalent experience. (Required)
- Copy of transcripts from any college or university work. (If applicable)
- 2 letters of reference (may be from a current or former employer, community leader, teacher, professor, colleague, or eminent person in your field of study) (Required)

Note: If accepted into the program - further proof of residency and officials transcripts will be requested.

Section 5: Supplemental Information

Other supporting materials you would like to have considered as a part of your application: work sample, writing samples of up to 2 pages, audio or videotape. Materials cannot be returned.

How to Apply

Please submit your application online, via e-mail or hand deliver all materials (materials will not be returned) in one package, no later than 11:59 PM, April 26, 2018. The deadline has been extended! Applications are now due no later than Thursday, May 17th, 2018.

Online (Preferred)
Please combine all documents into one compiled PDF and submit via this form. Note, a Google account is required for submission.

Email
Compile your application into one PDF document and email communityaffairs@columbia.edu. Please note, emails with more than 5MB of attachments will not be accepted.

Hand Delivery
Compile your application into one package and drop off to our offices between the hours of 10:00AM and 4:00PM. Materials cannot be returned.
Other Considerations

- This program does not lead to course credit, a degree or certification.
- All instruction in classes is conducted in English unless otherwise noted in course descriptions.
- Admission to Columbia Community Scholars Program is conditional upon proof of northern Borough of Manhattan residency.
- Although terms are stated as 3 years, individual scholars may opt to complete the program in less time; continued enrollment depends upon continued compliance with all program requirements and University regulations.

Please direct inquiries about the Columbia Community Scholars Program to (212) 854-4822 or communityaffairs@columbia.edu.

Community Scholars Quick Links

- Community Scholars Home
- Scholars and Projects
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Application Information

Contact the Community Scholars Program

Address:
Community Scholars Program
Office of Government & Community Affairs
Columbia University
309 Low Library
535 West 116th Street
New York, NY 10027

Phone:
212-854-4822

Email:
communityaffairs@columbia.edu
Debra Ann Byrd: “Becoming Othello: A Black Girl’s Journey,” a 3 year project that will result in a memoir and one woman touring show.

Debbie Meyer: Creating an organization to “address the systemic issues and the policies that allow dyslexic students and struggling readers to fail.”

Melanie Edwards: Biography of her grandfather—actor, composer and author J. Rosamond Johnson.

Karioki Crosby: Harlem Maker Expo—an “annual exhibition of projects created through creative coding and physical computing” in after school and weekend workshops.

Chris Pellettieri: Developing skills and knowledge in support of his nonprofit Stone Carver’s Academy.
Community Scholars FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

❖ Who may apply to this program?

- You must be a Borough of Manhattan resident living north of 96th Street
- You cannot have a current affiliation with Columbia University
- You must have a High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent.

❖ Will participation in the Columbia Community Scholars Program lead to degree program matriculation?

The Columbia Community Scholars Program was developed to assist Scholars in their completion of an independent project or to help them attain skills in a specific area of interest. Participation in the Columbia Community Scholars Program is not intended to enable a Scholar to enter into a degree program; no course credit, certificate or diploma will be awarded upon completion.

❖ What is the cost, if any, for the Columbia Community Scholars Program?

There are no costs associated with participation in the Columbia Community Scholars Program. However should a Scholar opt to audit courses, course fees, lab fees, or book costs may apply.

❖ To whom should letters of recommendations be addressed?

Letters of recommendation should be addressed and mailed to:

Columbia Community Scholars Program
Office of Government & Community Affairs
Columbia University
Are “official” transcripts required or will “unofficial” transcripts suffice for the application?

Unofficial transcripts can be submitted with the program application; however selected applicants will be required to submit official transcripts to participate in the program.

I am a Columbia University alum; does that deem me ineligible to participate in the program?

Only current affiliation with the University renders an applicant ineligible. Columbia alumni who do not have a present affiliation with the University are able to apply.

Is this a new program?

The program was originated as part of Columbia University’s community benefits and services related to the Manhattanville Campus Expansion and resulted from discussions with the West Harlem community. The first cohort of five independent Scholars was selected from a competitive field of applicants during the spring of 2013. These Scholars began the program in the fall 2013.

How many Scholars will be selected?

Five Scholars were selected in 2013. Up to five new Scholars will be selected to begin the program in the fall of 2014 and a new cohort of Scholars will be selected on an annual basis.

What is the deadline to apply to the program?

April 26, 2018.

When will I hear about the status of my application?

Applicants will be contacted of program decisions in early-to-mid summer.
When does the program start?

New Scholars will begin the program at the start of the fall semester.

What is the duration of the program?

Columbia Community Scholars are enrolled for a period of up to three years.

If I applied last year but was not selected, may I apply again?

Yes! You may apply another time. You will need to submit a new application in order to be considered.

Is there an age limit for applicants?

No. Adults meeting the program eligibility may apply to the program regardless of age.

Do I need to be an American citizen in order to apply?

No. As long as you are a legal resident of the United States, you may apply.

What University resources are Scholars able to access?

Individuals selected as Columbia Community Scholars:

- Are issued a Columbia University ID
- Will be given a Columbia University email account
- Gain access to all The Columbia University Libraries (including on-line access)
- Have course auditing privileges (in departments offering auditable courses). The courses available to auditors are typically posted one month prior to the start of the term. To view the courses open to auditors, please go to the Directory of Classes, Columbia's online course bulletin. You can search for auditing courses by clicking "A" in the "Course Listings by Department" box and scrolling down to where the Auditing Department is listed
- Have opportunities for dialogue with distinguished faculty members in their field of study
- May participate in seminars and social events
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Contact the Community Scholars Program

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New York, NY 10027

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The Community Scholars Program at Columbia University is designed to offer independent, community-based scholars from Northern Manhattan access to a suite of Columbia University services and resources that allow them to work toward the completion of a particular project or to attain skill in a particular area. The program helps to foster and deepen ties between the University and the many independent members of the cultural and intellectual community surrounding it.

The deadline for applications for the Columbia Community Scholars program beginning in Fall of 2018 has passed. Applicants will receive notification of decisions made in July. The application window for the cohort beginning in Fall of 2019 will open in March of 2019.
History: The program, part of Columbia University's community benefits and services related to the Manhattanville Campus Expansion, resulted from discussions with the West Harlem community. The first cohort of five independent Scholars was selected from a competitive field of applicants during the spring of 2013. These Scholars began the program in the fall 2013.

Objective: The Columbia Community Scholars Program was developed to enable independent scholars to pursue their lifelong learning aspirations, whether it be completing an independent project or attaining skills in a particular area. The program allows Scholars a formal opportunity to access University resources and participate in the intellectual life of the University through interaction with faculty, students, and other visiting scholars. Participation in the Columbia Community Scholars Program is not intended to enable a Scholar to enter into a degree program; no course credit, certificate or diploma is awarded upon completion.

University Access: Scholars are granted access to all University libraries (including on-line access), course auditing privileges (in departments offering auditable courses), dialogue with scholars in their field of study, and the ability to participate in seminars and social events. A Scholar may wish to avail him or herself of all or some of the services offered. The program's administrators assist each Scholar in connecting to relevant resources.

Program Duration: 3 years

Community Scholars are expected to work toward the completion of a proposed project or to attain a skill in a particular area during their 3-year tenure. The scope of each Scholar's project is delineated at the beginning of the program. Over the course of the three years, Community Scholars will have the opportunities to share their progress with members of the University and neighboring community.

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