Annual Report: Community Scholars Program

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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 VII
- Columbia Community Scholars Program: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Information about the Community Scholars program, including application and instructions on how to apply was 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 Robert Jackson
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
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.

**02/28/2019**: Community Scholars Announcement Email
825 Successful Deliveries, 522 Total Opens and 84 Click-throughs

Columbia E-Newsletter

The Community Scholars application was included in several editions of The Columbia E-Newsletter: News for Our Neighbors. The following emails were sent and are attached.

**05/08/2019**: The Columbia E-Newsletter, May 2019
1307 Successful Deliveries, 456 Total Opens

**04/16/2019**: The Columbia E-Newsletter, April 2019
1205 Successful Deliveries, 427 Total Opens

**03/14/2019**: The Columbia E-Newsletter, March 2019
848 Successful Deliveries, 274 Total Opens

Social Media

This year, with our newly developed social media accounts (@ColumbiaGCA), we boosted awareness of the program through a series of tweets, Facebook posts, and Instagram posts, including targeted ad buys on all three sites. A sample of our postings are attached and below is a synopsis of our social media outreach efforts.

*Tweets*

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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 11
- Community Board 12
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- Community Board 9
- 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 Robert Jackson
- 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
- Office of Assemblymember Inez Dickens
- Office of Assemblymember Carmen de la Rosa
- Office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
- 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 Theater of Harlem
- Palante Harlem
- Grant Houses
- Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone
- Development Corporation
- Centro Cívico
- The Honorable Daniel O'Donnell
- Harlem Park to Park
- Hamilton Grange Neighborhood Senior Center
- Manhattanville Housing Senior Center
- 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
- Columbia University Center For Justice
- Roone Arledge Auditorium
- Miller Theatre
- Visitors Center
- Uris Hall Cafe
- Dodge Fitness Center
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 25th, 2019. 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 Thursday, March 21st 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.

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Columbia Community Scholars - Applications Due Tomorrow - May 9th!

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Apply Now

2019 Arise! SYEEP Applications Now Open - Deadline THIS FRIDAY - May 10!

West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC) is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 2019 ARISE! Summer Youth Employment & Education Program (SYEEP). Arise! SYEEP will provide West Harlem youth (at least 14 years of age) with six (6) weeks of paid ($15/hour) summer employment that will include worksite responsibilities and academic enrichment. The program will include job readiness, NYS Regents/SAT/ACT prep, mentorship, weekly trips, and participation in community service activities.

More Information from WHDC
Inaugural COSMOS Community Stakeholder Meeting

Approximately one year after the April 2018 announcement of the COSMOS project, members from the research team held the first COSMOS community stakeholder meeting. Stakeholders were briefed on initial work conducted, with special emphasis on the success of the 2018 COSMOS Research Experience for Teachers (RET) program. Applications for the 2019 RET program are currently being accepted on a rolling basis.

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Urban Assembly School for Performing Arts visits Columbia's Morningside Campus

On April 11th 2019, the Connecting Youth Initiative (CYI) hosted a campus visit for students from the Urban Assembly School for Performing Arts. During the visit, the students engaged in a Q&A session with members of CU’s Black Students Organization and learned firsthand what life on a college campus is like for minority students. CYI is committed to partnering with local schools to expose their students to the world of educational opportunities available to them.

Learn More About CYI

Saturday Science goes to Super Saturday STEM Expo on May 18th!

For May’s Saturday Science, The Zuckerman Institute will be joining the Super Saturday STEM Expo at the Harlem Armory! SUPER SATURDAY is an annual STEM expo. Designed for New York City youth and their families, the event features hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities and demonstrations. This event is free and open to the public.

Read More!
CCS Initiatives: Barnard Bike-A-Thon & Annual Coat and Clothing Drive

Columbia Community Service recently held two successful initiatives for the 72nd Annual Appeal. On Friday, March 29 in the Event Oval, Diana Center at Barnard College, 100 bikers rode and raised over $8,000 to support CCS grantmaking efforts. During the months of February and April, CCS collected over 340 bags of coats, clothing, toiletries, and accessories from the Columbia community for the Clothing Closet for the homeless and needy at Cathedral Community Cares.

Learn More about CCS

Peter J. Awn Memorial - May 14 at 2:30 PM

President Lee C. Bollinger and Jean Magnano Bollinger and the School of General Studies invite you to celebrate the life of Peter J. Awn, Professor of Religion and Dean Emeritus of the School of General Studies.

Please RSVP

EPIC/SPS Talk on Brown's Vision of Equal Educational Opportunity - May 15th

Columbia University's School of Professional Studies and Emeritus Professors in Columbia invite you to an EPIC/SPS Talk with Michael A. Rebell, Professor of Law and Educational Practice, Teachers College, Columbia University and Adjunct Professor Columbia Law School. The event is entitled "What Happened to Brown's Vision of Equal Educational Opportunity and How Can We Get Back on Course?"

Learn More and RSVP

NYC SAFE Disposal Event @ Teachers College on June 2nd, 10AM - 4PM

The NYC Department of Sanitation is holding a series of SAFE Disposal Events (Solvents, Automotive, Flammable, Electronics) to provide NYC residents with a one-stop method to get rid of harmful household products. Materials accepted include common household products such as auto fluids, batteries, electronics, strong cleaners, medications, paint and more.

Learn More and RSVP
Enrollment Open for Summer Camps at BioBase Harlem @ Zuckerman Institute!

At Harlem Ecosystems Summer Camp, students will explore how life exists and flourishes in an urban environment. This camp will be field work intensive with an emphasis on hands-on scientific exploration. Working side-by-side with Ph.D. scientists, students will collect and observe some of the diverse creatures living in the Hudson River. Additionally, students will monitor the pollinators in local gardens and discover their role in urban ecosystems. Lunch & snacks will be provided. Outdoor activities everyday. $800 fee per week. Need-based financial aid available

Apply by May 31st

Applications for 2019-2020 Teacher-Scholar program are now open

Are you a high school teacher in New York City? Do you teach science or math, or have an interest in brain science? If so, this fellowship is for you. Based at Columbia University’s Zuckerman Institute, the Teacher-Scholar Program offers an opportunity to learn about cutting-edge neuroscience research and be part of a team creating educational materials to bring neuroscience to the classroom. This is a paid, 1-year fellowship at Columbia University.

Deadline to Apply is May 21st

Columbia University Honored by New York Blood Center & NY Mets

Columbia University was honored as one of the New York Blood Center (NYBC) winners of the 2019 New York Mets College Blood Donor Championships! The University partners with the New York Blood Center in hosting life-saving blood drives across the various campuses during spring, fall, Black History Month, summer and new student orientation.

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John Coatsworth to Step Down as Provost

John Coatsworth will be stepping down as Provost of the University on June 30, 2019. A renowned scholar of Latin American economic and international history, John will remain a professor of International and Public Affairs and of History and, happily for all of us, he will return to his scholarship and teaching full time.

Learn More
Freedom and Citizenship Program - High School Juniors can Apply Today!

Freedom & Citizenship is a free educational program for New York City high school students run by the Center for American Studies and Double Discovery Center at Columbia University. Each year the program recruits 45 low-income high school juniors to join our program from July through May. Applications are currently being accepted until capacity is reached.

Learn More and Apply

Nabila El-Bassel Named University Professor

Nabila El-Bassel, the Willma and Albert Musher Professor of Social Work was appointed to the rank of University Professor, our highest academic honor. We are proud that Professor El-Bassel calls Columbia her intellectual home. A University Professor appointment is a rare and distinguished honor among our faculty.

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IRAAS 25th Anniversary Conference - April 25-27

IRAAS 25th Anniversary Conference - “Free to Be Anywhere in the Universe: An International Conference on New Directions in the Study of the African Diaspora”. Free & Open to the Public; Registration is Required for Admission into The Forum

Register

Spring Blood Drive at Columbia - Manhattanville - April 30th

The Office of the President and the Office of Government and Community Affairs, in collaboration with several of our student organizations and departments, are pleased to host the spring 2019 “new life, new beginnings” blood drive campaign. The Community Blood Drive in Manhattanville is open to all. This drive will be on April 30 from 11 AM to 5 PM. Walk-ins are welcome but advance registration is encouraged.

Learn More
Dear Mama Coffee Opens at Columbia University's New Manhattanville Campus

The opening marks the second venue of Dear Mama Coffee, joining the flagship East Harlem location. Dear Mama Coffee is situated in the southwest corner of the Jerome L. Greene Science Center’s ground floor, with an entrance opening into the Small Square, facing the Lenfest Center for the Arts. Initially, Dear Mama Coffee will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Hours will expand when the full kitchen installation is complete.

@DearMamaCoffee on Instagram!

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Feria del Cerebro / Bilingual Brain Fair - This Friday - March 15

Tendremos varios juegos donde podrás descubrir lo especial que es nuestro cerebro. Prepárate para divertirte en inglés y en español, ¡todas las edades están invitadas y es gratis!

Want to know more about how your brain works? Come to the bilingual brain fair! We will have various games where you can learn all about what makes our brain special. Prepare to have fun in English and Spanish, all ages welcome and it’s free!

More Details

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Mourning the Loss of Peter Awn, Dean Emeritus of the School of General Studies

It is with immense sadness that I share with you that Peter Awn, Dean Emeritus of the School of General Studies, passed away yesterday from injuries sustained when he was struck by a car last month. Since his arrival on the Columbia campus more than four decades ago, no one has been a more beloved member of our community than Peter. The grief we feel at his loss is overwhelming.

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Amend the 13th - A discussion on a path to Criminal Justice Change

On February 22nd, The Office of Government and Community Affairs held a panel discussion with experts to begin the conversation about this process for criminal justice change. The goal of the dialogue was to develop strategies that will increase public awareness, fuel public discourse, and build momentum to amend the 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Watch the Presentations

2019 Columbia University Career Expo - April 2nd

Join us at the 2019 Columbia University Career Expo! You'll be able to meet representatives from Columbia University, staffing, security, and construction firms, as well as attend workshops for job preparedness training, including resume development, improving interview skills, improving your LinkedIn profile, and more. There will also be FREE head shots for your LinkedIn profile, and you can learn to use the Columbia University Employment Site, including how to add your resume and apply for jobs.

Learn More & Register

EPIC Exchange: Emeritus Professors Bring Columbia to the Community

Albert Einstein’s politics, the history of engineering, Muslim women as seen through a Western lens, the dangers of Agent Orange and Ogden Nash’s poetry—what could all these subjects possibly have in common? They’ve all been topics for Columbia University’s community discussions at a Morningside Heights apartment complex, led by Columbia professors who continue to share their knowledge and scholarship after they have retired.

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Daughters of Harlem Teaches Local Young Women to Record and Produce Their Own Music

“For the Daughters of Harlem: Working in Sound,” is a multi-year program organized by faculty from Columbia’s Department of Music. It brings young women of color from public high schools in Manhattan and the Bronx to Columbia for workshops on recording and producing their own music. For two consecutive Saturdays, the students work under the guidance of professors, graduate students and guest instructors.

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Global Centers celebrates 10 Year Anniversary with 10 events!

In March 2009 the Columbia Global Centers launched with two Centers in Amman and Beijing. Today, the network includes nine Centers – Amman, Beijing, Istanbul, Mumbai, Nairobi, Paris, Rio, Santiago, and Tunis.In celebration of their 10th anniversary, the Global Centers is organizing a year-long series of ten events on campus. Each program will explore a distinct theme of global relevance from a regional perspective. All events will take place on the Columbia campus in New York City and are open to the public!

Learn More

Jazz and the Neuroscience of Decision Making: A celebration of mind and soul

What do jazz improvisation and the neuroscience of thought have in common? The answers involve prediction, anticipation, exploration and freedom. In this discussion, Michael Shadlen, MD, PhD, Professor of Neuroscience and principal investigator at the Zuckerman Institute, Chris Washburne, PhD, Director of the Louis Armstrong Jazz Performance Program and Helen Sung, pianist, composer and Zuckerman Institute's first jazz artist-in-residence, will discuss emerging concepts in neuroscience which begin to expose the biology of deliberation, decision-making and timing.

RSVP!
Community Wellness Center Partners with Columbia Community Scholar to Promote Health and Wellness in West Harlem

On Saturday, December 8th, the Columbia Community Wellness Center welcomed a total of almost 60 visitors into their space for a fun and engaging community event. The event was a part of a larger effort made by some of the public facilities and programs residing in Columbia University's new Manhattanville campus. Upon entering, attendees were greeted with a warm smile by Vivian Kurutz, Columbia Community Scholar and Executive Director and founder of the Harlem Wellness Center, who was to be leading the event that afternoon.

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Are you an independent scholar working towards completing a project or acquiring a skill? Do you live in Northern Manhattan? If so, you can apply for the Columbia Community Scholars program, which offers access to a suite of Columbia resources. Learn more about the program and current scholars, including Peter Noel, who's using the 3-year program to compile a book of his reporting on police brutality: https://gca.columbia.edu/content/community-scholars
If you live in Northern Manhattan and are working on completing a project or acquiring a skill, you can apply to be a Columbia Community Scholar! Current Community Scholar Michele Y. Washington is using the three-year program to curate a podcast series about designers, with a focus on makers of color. Learn more about the program, which offers independent scholars access to a suite of Columbia resources: https://gca.columbia.edu/content/community-scholars
Columbia Community Scholar Nancy Dorsinville is using her three years to work on contributing to a "new narrative" amplifying the voices of Haitian-Americans, including highlighting enduring contributions from Haitian culture to the Harlem Renaissance, the Civil Rights Movement, and Black Identity.

Applications for the new cohort of Columbia Community Scholars are open until April 25. More information on the program and the application process: https://gca.columbia.edu/content/community-scholars
Last spring, Columbia Community Scholars Martha Diaz (founder of the Hip-Hop Education Center), Regan Sommer McCoy (founder of The Mixtape Museum and Hip-Hop Hacks), and author and journalist Peter Noel spoke about the history and value of hip-hop as part of the Community Scholars Speaker Series.

Applications are open for the next cohort of community scholars! While some scholars are invited to participate in the speaker series, the program provides all participants with library access and course auditing. For more information and to apply, please visit https://gca.columbia.edu/content/community-scholars
TOMORROW: GCA will host an information session about the Columbia Community Scholars Program, which gives scholars from Northern Manhattan access to a suite of Columbia University services and resources to allow them to work toward the completion of a particular project or attain skill in a particular area. Register on our website: https://gca.columbia.edu/.../columbia-community-scholars-info...
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DEADLINE EXTENDED: Independent scholars from Northern Manhattan can now apply for the Columbia Community Scholars Program until May 9, 2019! Learn more about the 3-year program that offers access to a suite of Columbia University resources and apply here:

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Learn more about the three-year program: https://gca.columbia.edu/content/community-scholars ...

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March 7
neighborshub Last spring, Columbia Community Scholars Martha Diaz, Regan Sommer McCoy, and Peter Noel spoke about the history and value of hip-hop as part of the Community Scholars Speaker Series! Applications are open for the next cohort of community scholars! While some scholars are invited to participate in the speaker series, the program provides all participants with library access and course auditing. For more information and to apply, please visit gca.columbia.edu/content/community scholars
neighborshub: If you live in Northern Manhattan and are working on completing a project or acquiring a skill, you can apply to be a Columbia Community Scholar! Learn more about the program, which offers independent scholars access to a suite of Columbia resources, at our website gca.columbia.edu. Applications are due April 25.

April 15
neighborshub DEADLINE EXTENDED: Independent scholars from Northern Manhattan can apply for the Columbia Community Scholars Program until May 9, 2019! Learn more about the 3-year program that offers access to a suite of Columbia University resources and apply at gca.columbia.edu/content/community-scholars
Community Scholars Application Information

Applications are not currently open for the Columbia Community Scholars Program. Please check back in early 2020 for information about applying for the next cohort.

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 official 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 Thursday, May 9th, 2019.

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.

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

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) 854-2568 or communityaffairs@columbia.edu.

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Cohort VII: Scholars and Projects

Lauren Renee Cummings: Examining the impact of artificial intelligence on criminal justice.

Kenneth Miles: Working to develop and launch a community-based Harlem Think Tank focused on next generation advocacy, skills, and resource development.

Kevin M. O'Connor: Developing a set of tools and resources for first-time authors.

Valerie Rochon: Engaging in archival research on choreographer and dancer Jean Leon Destine in order to catalog her collection of his work and finish writing his biography.

Dalton Whiteside: Working on a comprehensive book on the architectural history of institutions in West Harlem.
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:

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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?

Up to five new Scholars are selected for every year’s class.

What is the deadline to apply to the program?

April 25, 2019. The 2019 deadline has been extended to May 9, 2019.

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](https://www.library.columbia.edu) (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](https://catalog.columbia.edu/), 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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