

OT Financial Aid Information

Loans

U.S. citizens and permanent residents should complete the FAFSA to establish eligibility for Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan (Stafford) and Federal Graduate PLUS loans.

The 2024-2025 FAFSA is now available online. The website to complete the FAFSA is www.studentaid.gov. Our school code is 002707.

Please note that the FAFSA is currently experiencing delays and FAFSAs will not be sent to schools until March.

Eligible students can borrow \$20,500 per year with the Direct Unsubsidized Direct loan, and can use the Grad PLUS Loan to cover any additional need, up to the cost of attendance. The cost of attendance includes tuition and fees, as well as estimated additional education and living expenses. If necessary, students will be able to cover all of these costs with federal loans.

International students are not eligible for federal loans, but may be able to obtain a private loan with a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident as a co-signer. You can find information about private student loan lenders here: [Private Loans | Student Financial Services \(columbia.edu\)](#)

Please note, the costs for 2024-25 have not been finalized yet. You can find the current Cost of Attendance on our website here:

[Student Budgets | Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons \(columbia.edu\)](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to our office. Angelica Fisichella is the financial aid officer for OT Students, and can be reached directly at af3247@cumc.columbia.edu or 212-305-4100.

Scholarships

Students interested in applying for need-based scholarships should complete the CSS Profile. The 2024-25 CSS PROFILE is now available online at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

Your parents' information will be collected on this form and is required unless a student is 30 years of age or older.

Students will also be required to submit copies of their tax returns and their parents' tax returns, using the CSS PROFILE IDOC system.