

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID & PLANNING administers financial aid for the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, the College of Dental Medicine, the Institute of Human Nutrition, and the Programs in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Genetic Counseling. We serve as a resource and as a link to your funding sources.

We would like to provide you with information on the financial aid available to OT students:

Scholarships

Students can apply for OT Program scholarships. Financial need will be considered in addition to merit.

Students applying for a scholarship will need to provide supporting documentation regarding their financial need. This form can be completed here: [OT Scholarship Form](#)

Deadlines will be communicated by the Program based on your acceptance date.

Please be sure to upload the required supporting documents when completing this form.

Loans

OT students will also be eligible to apply for loans. U.S. citizens and permanent residents should complete the FAFSA to establish eligibility for Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and Federal Graduate PLUS loans.

The 2025-26 FAFSA is available to complete online at: www.studentaid.gov. Our school code is 002707.

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.

Please note, the costs for 2025-26 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 \(columbia.edu\)](#)

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 \(columbia.edu\)](#)

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.