Office of Financial Aid
Scholarships and Stipends – Terms & Conditions

- Students should expect to provide additional funds for the outstanding tuition balance, fees, medical insurance, and academic and living expenses they may incur throughout the semester/academic year.
- Scholarship(s) may only be applied to the cost of tuition (NOT including fees, unless otherwise stated) from the Fall through Summer semesters of the academic year referenced in the Financial Aid Award Letter. If necessary, students may contact the Office of Financial Aid to discuss the possibility of reallocating the distribution of their scholarship award(s) within the same academic year. Please note, stipend awards cannot be reallocated.
- Students must be enrolled in at least 1-credit in a degree-seeking program to receive scholarships/stipends.
- Scholarships and stipends are not transferable to another academic year.
- Scholarship awards do not cover dropped and/or withdrawn courses. Any scholarship applied to a dropped/withdrawn course will be reversed, at which point, any outstanding charges/tuition liability will have to paid for by another resource.
- Should any adjustments be made to a student’s scholarship(s) and/or stipend(s) throughout the academic year, the Office of Financial Aid will provide the student with a revised Financial Aid Award Letter.
- Students who transfer to a different program may not be eligible to keep their scholarship and/or stipend awards.
- Students who defer their enrollment to a future semester or academic year may not be eligible to defer their scholarship to a future semester or academic year.
- Students who receive scholarships through an external funding source that exceeds their cost of tuition should notify the Office of Financial Aid, as the external resource may affect their eligibility for institutional awards.
- Full-time employees (including their spouse or dependents) of Teachers College, Barnard College, or Columbia University affiliated employees who are eligible for tuition exemption are not eligible to receive TC scholarships and/or stipends, and they must notify the Office of Financial Aid immediately.

Teachers College Scholarship and the Margaret Mead Fellowship

- In addition to the above-mentioned terms and conditions:
  - The Teachers College Scholarship and the Margaret Mead Fellowship are awarded by the Enrollment Management Division, not through the student’s program of study/academic department.
  - This is a one-time award for new students that will not renew in future aid years. Continuing students are not eligible for either award.
  - Any questions regarding the TC Scholarship or Margaret Mead Fellowship should be directed to your Financial Aid Liaison, not your academic department/program.
  - Recipients of a designated Special Scholarship (Abby O’Neill Fellowship, Lemann Fellowship, City Year Scholarship, Posse Foundation Fellowship, and/or Columbia University Scholarship for Displaced Students) will no longer be eligible to receive the TC Scholarship or the Margaret Mead Fellowship. Therefore, the TC Scholarship and/or the Margaret Mead Fellowship, if awarded, will be canceled as a result.

Please feel free to contact the Office of Financial Aid via email (financialaid@tc.columbia.edu) or telephone (212-678-3714) with any questions or concerns. Additional information can also be found on the Office of Financial Aid website (www.tc.edu/financialaid).