



The Office of Student Financial Aid & Planning

The Office of Student Financial Aid & Planning is here to assist you with financing your education. Please visit our website at [Student Financial Aid and Planning | Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons](#)

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

All students can apply for an OT Program Scholarship. Financial need will be considered along with merit (based on your OTCAS application).

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

The deadline to upload your documentation is one week after you receive your acceptance letter.

If you have any questions about the documentation needed for OT scholarships, please reach out to Angelica Fisichella.

Federal Loans:

U.S. citizens and permanent residents should complete the FAFSA to establish eligibility for Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans.

The 2026-27 FAFSA will be available as of October 1, 2025. The website to complete the FAFSA is www.studentaid.gov. Our school code is 002707.

Private Loans:

Private student loans can help bridge the gap between the actual cost of your education and the amount the federal government allows you to borrow. Columbia has a list of Suggested Lenders here: [Private Loans | Student Financial Services](#)

International Students:

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.

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