

# Summer at Columbia Financial Aid Program

## **What Is It?**

Columbia College Chicago's Summer at Columbia financial aid program is a need-based tuition remission program designed for students who require financial assistance to enroll in the Summer at Columbia program. Our financial aid program provides a discounted rate for students in need. It is not a loan, nor is it a scholarship with an associated cash value.

## **Who can apply?**

Any student eligible for the Summer at Columbia program may apply for financial aid.

## **How Much Aid Will I Receive?**

Your financial aid award is determined by a number of factors including income level, number of dependents in the household, special circumstances such as health issues or job loss, and other factors. We cannot tell you exactly how much aid you will receive until after your application has been reviewed by the financial aid committee. Individual award levels are also determined based on overall budget availability, so the earlier you apply, the more likely you are to receive a financial aid award.

Please be aware that students applying for financial aid for the Immersion Program may only receive aid based on the instructional portion (\$2000) of the total program cost. Sorry, we cannot provide financial aid for the room and board portion of the Immersion Program cost.

## **Do I Earn Too Much To Receive Financial Aid?**

We do not base financial aid decisions solely on your reported yearly income. We understand that some families have unique circumstances that may not be clearly reflected on your tax return such as small business owners and freelancers, additional adult dependents, etc. If you truly feel that the tuition for the Summer at Columbia program presents a barrier to participation, we strongly encourage you to apply for financial aid, regardless of how much you may or may not earn.

## **How Do I Apply?**

Applicants must provide us with three things:

- 1) A completed Summer at Columbia Financial Aid Application Form (available for download from our website).
- 2) A copy of your most recent federal tax return.
- 3) A \$20.00 application fee.

## **I Have Other Questions...**

If you have additional questions, please start by reading the entire financial aid application. The first page gives detailed instructions about how to apply, and the second page details all the fine print information about the specifics of the program. If, after reading the entire application you still have questions, please feel free to contact us by email or phone at [summer@colum.edu](mailto:summer@colum.edu), or at (312) 369-3100.