

International Student Application Checklist

- ✓ [Complete Online Application](#)
- ✓ **Student Information Form**
- ✓ **Official Records of Study:** You must submit official records or certified copies of your academic records for all secondary and post-secondary study. Records should list the subjects studied and the grade or mark received. The college expects official copies of the original document in the official language of the educational system. If that language is not English, an official translation must be attached. Lower division international courses will be accepted if evaluated by a member of the [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services](#) (NACES).
- ✓ **English Proficiency (TOEFL or IELTS):** We accept TOEFL (60+ preferred) and IELTS (6.0 preferred).
- ✓ **Proof of Financial Support:** Submit proof of financial support issued within the last six months, showing you meet the minimum estimated expenses required of \$24,580. All documentation and bank statements must be in English. Your proof of financial support may come from multiple sources. Each source must provide all of the required documentation. Items that you can submit to provide proof of financial support include:
 - F-1 Student Sponsor Form and required documentation (either a letter from a bank official or balance statement confirming the account holder's name and the amount of funds available. Use this form if the applicant or sponsor account balance(s) meet the minimum amount required.
 - [United States Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\) Form I-134, Affidavit of Support](#), including required supporting documentation. Please read and follow the instructions carefully. Use this form only if the financial sponsor does not have the minimum amount required available in a bank account but has the means to provide the required financial support (bank balance(s) and income).
 - A financial support letter from a government agency or scholarship award letter.
- ✓ **Autobiographical Essay:** Please write an autobiographical essay in English. It should include information relevant to your study in the U.S. and at Columbia College, your study plans, your educational and personal background, and anything else that you would like to share.
- ✓ **Medical Insurance:** All non-immigrant students are required to purchase medical insurance for each year of attendance at Columbia College through [International Student Insurance \(ISO\)](#).
- ✓ **Copy of Passport:** Provide a color copy of your passport identification page and copies of the passport identification page for any dependents who will accompany you to the U.S.
- ✓ **Transfer Students:** if you are an F-1 student currently attending another college, university, or language school, you are eligible for transfer if you have maintained your F-1 visa status. The following documents are required if you are applying as a transfer student:
 - Copies of I-20's from all U.S. schools you have attended
 - Copies of the visa and identification pages from your passport
 - Copy of your current I-94
 - Official transcript(s) from all schools you have attended in the U.S.
 - [Completed F-1 Student SEVIS Transfer Form](#)