FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

PRIOR TO RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE:

- Complete 2013-2014 FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov
  - Columbia FAFSA School Code: 002707

AFTER RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE:

- Accept/Decline awards
  1. Log onto NetPartner (https://studentviewer.finaid.columbia.edu) using your CU ID# (begins with C followed by nine digits) and your password, which is your date of birth in MMDDYYYY format. DO NOT LOG IN AS A FIRST TIME USER.
  2. Click on Accept Awards tab
  3. Change status from “Pending” to “Accept” or “Decline”
  4. Click on Submit button

- Complete the following required loan documents (required documents are listed under Documents tab of NetPartner as Not Received –click on document name to complete):
  - Master Promissory Note (MPN) for Federal Direct Stafford Loans
  - Entrance Interview /Counseling for graduate students (covers both Stafford and Grad PLUS loan)
  - Federal Perkins Loan Promissory Note (if awarded)
  - Federal Perkins Loan Entrance Counseling (if awarded)

IF NECESSARY, REVIEW OPTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR ADDITIONAL LOAN FUNDS:

- To apply for a Federal Graduate PLUS Loan
  1. Go to http://sfs.columbia.edu/forms-and-publications#sfp
  2. Under the Student Financial Planning Forms List, click on 2013-2014 Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Request and Credit Authorization Form for School of Architecture
  3. Login and complete form
  4. If you have not done so already, you must also go to www.studentloans.gov to complete the Federal Graduate PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note.

- To apply for a private educational loan, students can choose any lender funding private student loans and complete an online application with that lender. For a list of suggested lenders, please visit: http://sfs.columbia.edu/grad-private-loans.

- International students may choose any lender funding private student loans and complete an online application that includes a creditworthy U.S. cosigner or they may investigate home country resources.