FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

PRIOR TO RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE:

☐ Complete 2012/2013 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 required loan documents (Follow links under Documents tab of NetPartner)
  □ 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://www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/docs/Grad_Fin_Aid/School_Offices/index.html
  2. Click on graduate financial aid
  3. Click on school offices
  4. Click Forms and Publications
  5. Click School of Architecture
  6. At the bottom of the screen, click on 2012-2013 Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Request and Credit Authorization Form
  7. Login and complete form
  8. If you have not done so already, go to www.studentloans.gov to complete Federal Graduate PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note.

☐ For the private loan, you will apply directly on the lenders' website. Choose any lender funding private student loans and complete an online application with the lender. For a list of lenders, please visit: http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/docs/Grad_Fin_Aid/suggested_lenders/index.html. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS may choose to borrow a variable interest rate private educational loan with a creditworthy U.S. cosigner or investigate home country resources.