FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST – GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

PRIOR TO RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE:

☐ Complete 2018-2019 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 the Menu tab
  3. Click on Accept Awards tab
  4. Change status from “Pending” to “Accept” or “Decline”
  5. 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 Loan
  ☐ Entrance Interview /Counseling for Graduate Students (covers Stafford and Grad PLUS Loans)

IF YOU DECIDE TO BORROW ADDITIONAL LOAN FUNDS BEYOND THOSE LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION OPTIONS:

☐ To apply for a Federal Graduate PLUS Loan
  1. Go to http://sfs.columbia.edu
  2. Click on Forms and Docs
  3. Click on 2018-2019 Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Request and Credit Authorization Form: Graduate School of Engineering
  4. Login and complete form
  5. 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.

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

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PLEASE NOTE: The terms and conditions of federal student loans or assistance may be more favorable or beneficial than the terms and conditions of private education loans. If you decide to borrow a private educational loan, please be advised that students have the right and ability to select the education loan provider of their choice, are not required to use any of the University’s suggested lenders and will suffer no penalty for choosing a lender that is not included in the listing. For more information on suggested lenders, please visit: http://sfs.columbia.edu/financial-aid/private-loans.

Please note that changes in your enrollment status, including adding and/or dropping classes or withdrawing from the University, can impact your financial aid award. Please contact the Office of Student Financial Planning at sfp@columbia.edu if you plan on changing your academic program and/or the number of credits for which you are enrolled at any point during the school year.

OTHER FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES:

- National Student Loan Database – https://nslds.ed.gov/nslds/nslds_SA/ – to access information on any federal student loans taken as a graduate or undergraduate student