Declaration Reference and Key Data

Obligation Section Number: **5.07 (c)(xvi)**

Obligation Title: **Community Scholars Program**

Obligation Page Number: **56**

Obligation Trigger: **Acquisition by ESD or CU of all Initial Stage 1 Condemnation Parcel(s)**

Obligation Start Date: **March 12, 2012**

Obligation End Date: **March 12, 2038*** (**10 Year Pilot; 25 Years from Commencement**)

Obligation Status: **In Compliance**

Obligation

Community Scholars Program.   Commencing with the acquisition by ESD or CU of all Initial Stage 1 Condemnation Parcels, and continuing for a 25-year period from commencement, CU shall offer independent, community-based scholars from Northern Manhattan access to a range of services provided by CU and resources not usually afforded to non-affiliated residents. Services and resources shall be provided at no cost to participants and shall include access to all of CU's libraries – including on-line access, course auditing privileges, dialogue with scholars in their field of study, and the ability to participate in seminars and social events developed specifically for the group of in buildings proposed within the Project Site. Selection shall be determined by an application process, reviewed by a committee of CU's faculty and leaders from relevant local cultural institutions. Scholars shall be appointed for 3-year terms. In the first year CU shall appoint up to five scholars; in the second year CU shall appoint up to an additional five, so that after year one there shall be a plan to have a cohort of ten scholars. CU envisions the program to proceed as a pilot for ten years and then be re-evaluated in good faith to assess its effectiveness.

* Planning activities were still ongoing upon the obligation trigger date. Appointments to the Community Scholars program began in 2013, one year after the trigger date. Therefore, this obligation will be in effect until 2038, 25 years from the commencement of the obligation implementation, after an assessment in 2023.

Evidence of Compliance

1. Annual report

Columbia University's Implementation Plan and all supporting documentation are made available on the Community Services Webpage at http://manhattanville.columbia.edu/community-services. For more information about communications and outreach efforts regarding the obligations, please refer to the Annual Community Outreach and Communications Report, which is also available on the Community Services Webpage.

EOC Checklist for Obligation 5.07(c)(xvi):

Please check to verify EOC items submitted for review.

☐ 1. Annual report

Monitor's Notes / Comments:

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Status:
Please check to indicate the status of Obligation 5.07(c)(xvi):

☐ In Compliance

☐ In Progress

☐ Not In Compliance

☐ Not Triggered

Annual Report: Community Scholars Program

Number of Applications Received: **14**
Number of Scholars Selected: **4**

The Community Scholars Selectees Provided Below:

#	First Name (Initial)	Last Name	Zip Code	Selected (Y/N)
1	M.	Haddock	10039	Y
2	K.	Holder	10035	Y
3	L.	Jones	10027	Y
4	R.	Trapp	10026	Y

The Community Scholars Applicants Provided Below:

#	First Name (Initial)	Last Name	Zip Code	Selected (Y/N)
1	P.A.	█████	10037	N
2	J.	█████	10026	N
3	A.	█████	10034	N
4	S.	█████	10040	N
5	J.H.	█████	10032	N
6	R.	█████	10031	N
7	H.	█████	10025	N
8	D.	█████	10033	N
9	C.	█████	10033	N
10	P.	█████	10032	N

Additional Supporting Documentation

● Copies of public notifications and/or announcements of available scholarships
● Columbia Community Scholars Program: Prospective Scholars Application
● Columbia Community Scholars Program: Community Scholars & Project Descriptions: Cohort III
● Columbia Community Scholars Program: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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For those with questions regarding the application, we are hosting a **Columbia Community Scholars Program Information Session on Tuesday, March 17th from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm** in the Burden Room of Columbia University's Low Library (Room 206). Please RSVP to ████████████████████████████ at your earliest convenience if you plan to attend.

 Directions:
Access to Low Library can be gained by entering Columbia's Morningside Campus at West 116th St. from Broadway or Amsterdam Ave. and walking up the steps of Low Memorial Plaza.
http://www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/map/low.html

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Please see program website for detailed information on eligibility, application requirements and program terms.

Good morning all,
Kindly see below for the Morningside Area Alliance (MAA) Weekly Digest of events and activities in our community.
Enjoy!

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Weekly Events Digest for Morningside Heights, NYC

This Week in Morningside Heights

Tuesday, March 9, 2015 - Tuesday, March 17, 2015

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Upcoming Event

Manhattan School of Music Symphony and Sumphonic Chorus with the Oratorio Society of New York

VERDI REQUIEM
Kent Tritle, Conductor
Lori Guilbeau (BM '07, MM '10), Soprano
Sara Murphy, Mezzo-Soprano
Alex Richardson (MM '02), Tenor
Matthew Anchel, Bass

Thursday, March 26
7:30 PM
Cathedral of St. John the Divine

TICKETS
$50 preferred, $25 general admission
For tickets visit stjohndivine.org or call 866-811-4111

Mon. - Fri. through March 31
Contribute to the Children's Book Drive

Community

| Interchurch Center

Mon. - Fri.
9:00am - 6:00pm
Graphic Mythologies: Dave Shrobe

Russ Berrie Pavilion

| Columbia University School of Arts

Mon. - Friday
9:00am- 5:00pm
Seasons of Celebration: Thomas Merton at 100

Literary

| Columbia University – Butler Library

Mon.
Mar 9
2:00 pm
10 Steps to Success: Managing Your Data and Your Dissertation

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| [Columbia University Morningside Campus 208 Butler Library](#)

Tue.
Mar 10
12:00 pm
[A Forgotten Peace, A Forgotten War, and the Making of Modern Ukraine, 1917-1918](#)

[Lectures](#)

| [Columbia University Morningside Campus International Affairs Building, Room 1219](#)

Tue.
Mar 10
6:00 pm
[The Nobel Peace Prize: An Insider's View](#)

[Lectures](#)

| [Columbia University Morningside Campus Buell Hall (Maison Francaise), East Gallery](#)

Tue.
Mar 10
6:30 pm
[Body Undone: A Salon in Honor of Christina Crosby](#)

[Literary](#)

| [Bernard College: SULZBERGER PARLOR, 3RD FLOOR BARNARD HALL](#)

Wed.
Mar 11
12:00 pm
[Empowerment of Women in Zambia – Presented by HE Inonge Wina, the First Woman Vice President of Zambia](#)

[Lectures](#)

| [Columbia University – The Italian Academy](#)

Wed.
Mar 11

Noonday Concert

Music

| Interchurch Center

Wed.
Mar 11
6:00 pm

Democratic Renewal and the Mutual Aid Legacy of US Mexicans

Lectures

| Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

Wed.
Mar 11
6:00 pm

Performance: VOIX DE FEMMES (Voices of Women)

Theatre

| Columbia University Morningside Campus East Gallery, Buell Hall

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Wed.
Mar 11
6:30 pm

Architect Renzo Piano

Featured, Lectures

| Columbia University – Wood Auditorium

Wed.
Mar 11
7:00 pm

Mivos Quartet with composer/soprano Kate Soper – Concert

Music

| Columbia University – The Italian Academy

Wed.
Mar 11

The Vanishing Bridegroom

Featured, Music

| Church of the Ascension

Thu.
Mar 12
9:00 am
Women's History Celebration: Women in the Pulpit

Featured, Religious

| Interchurch Center

Thu.
Mar 12
9:30 am
The 2015 Children's Book Awards

Children

| The Evelyn Rome Tabas & Daniel Tabas Auditorium at Bank Street

Thu.
Mar 12
6:30 pm
Eurochannel Short Films Tour

Film

| Columbia University Morningside Campus East Gallery, Buell Hall

Thu.
Mar 12
7:30 pm
Defeating the Defense of Marriage Act

Featured, Special Events

| Jewish Theological Seminary

Thu.
Mar 12
8:00 pm
Past and Present Collide in BACH, REVISITED

| [Columbia University – Miller Theatre](#)

Thu.
Mar 12
8:00 pm
[Michael Gordon + Bach](#)

[Music](#)

| [Columbia University – Miller Theatre](#)

Fri.
Mar 13
7:30 pm
[WORDLESS! Spiegelman & Johnston](#)

[Music](#)

| [Columbia University – Miller Theatre](#)

Closes this week
[Romare Bearden: A Black Odyssey](#)

[Visual Arts](#)

| [Columbia's Wallach Art Gallery](#)

Tue.
Mar 17
2:30 pm
[School Reform in Nepal's Transitioning Democracy](#)

[Conferences](#)

| [Bank Street College of Education- Room 710](#)

Tue.
Mar 17
5:00 pm
[Columbia Community Scholars Program Information Session](#)

[Community](#)

| [Columbia University – Low Library](#)

Salto, Christine

Good morning all,

See below for the Weekly Digest of Events in our community assembled courtesy of the Morningside Area Alliance (MAA).

An announcement for the **Columbia Community Scholars** program is among the events listed. Kindly note that a program information session is planned for this afternoon at 5 PM.

Enjoy!

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Arts & Community Calendar

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| Columbia University – Low Library

Tue.
Mar 17

Got Sermon? Lecture Series: Dr. Aliou Niang:

"Recovery of Sight in Mark 16:1-8"

Religious
| Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York

Thu.
Mar 19
5:30 pm
Made @NYPL presents Jewelry Making with Gwendolyn Lawson

CommunityLectures
| New York Public Library

Thu.
Mar 19
6:30 pm
Autism: Human Social Behavior and Communication

FeaturedLectures
| Columbia University – Miller Theatre

Thu.
Mar 19
7:30 pm
Race, Bias and Equal Justice in America

Lectures
| Jewish Theological Seminary

Thu.

7:30 pm
Flutes of Hope

FeaturedMusic

| Cathedral of St John the Divine

Thu.
Mar 19
7:30 pm
Ya-Fei Chaung and Robert Levin, Piano Recital

Music

| Manhattan School of Music – Greenfield Hall

Thu.
Mar 19
7:30 pm
Music Before 1800: Wayward Sisters

Music

| The Kosciuszko Foundation

Fri.
Mar 20
7:30 pm
MSM Composers' Orchestra

Music

| Manhattan School of Music – Borden Auditorium

Fri.
Mar 20
7:30 pm
Student Project in Performance: Eric Umble, Clarinet

Music

| Manhattan School of Music – Greenfield Hall

Sat.
Mar 21
10:00 am
Harlem Service Day

Volunteer Opportunity

| NW Corner of 117th Street and 8th Avenue

Sun.
Mar 22
9:00 am
4th Annual Jewish University For A Day

Religious

| Charles B. Wang Center – Stony Brook University

Sun.
Mar 22
2:30 pm
Purcell and the Theater

Music

| Columbia University- Morningside Campus Buell Hall, East Gallery

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Sun.
Mar 22
3:00 pm
Artists in Residence: American String Quartet

Music

| Manhattan School of Music – Borden Auditorium

Sun.
Mar 22
3:00 pm
4th Annual Joint Concert with Opus 118 Harlem School of

Music

Music

| St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Mon.
Mar 23
7:00 pm
The Ancient Quarrel: Philosophy and Literature

Literary

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Mon.
Mar 23
7:00 pm
Artur Balsam Competition for Duos: Final Round

Music

| Manhattan School of Music – Greenfield Hall

Mon.
Mar 23
8:00 pm
Purcell and the Theater

Music

| Columbia University Morningside Campus Buell Hall (Maison Francaise), East
Gallery

Mon.
Mar 23
9:30 pm
MSM Jazz Orchestra at Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola

Music

| Jazz at Lincoln Center | Columbus Circle

Tue.
Mar 24
5:30 pm
POP-UP CONCERTS Yarn/Wire

Music

| Columbia University – Miller Theatre

Tue.
Mar 24
6:30 pm
Without the Cover of Law: Writing the History of Enslaved Women

Lectures

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Tue.
Mar 24
7:30 pm
The Jazz Room Series

Music

| Manhattan School of Music- Carla Bossi-Comelli Studio- 610

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From:
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 11:17 AM
To:
Subject: Columbia Community Scholars Program, NEW DEADLINE, May 21!!

Dear Friends and Community Partners,

The [Columbia University Community Scholars Program](#) has a new application deadline—**Thursday, May 21 at 5 p.m**!

Program benefits include: access to all University libraries (including on-line access), program advising, course auditing privileges, dialogue with scholars in a pertinent field of study, and the ability to participate in forums, seminars and other campus activities.

Prospective Scholars may either:
o   submit application materials via email to communityaffairs@columbia.edu, or
o   hand deliver to Columbia University, [Low Library room 309](#)

To apply one must submit:

*   A completed program application (*attached and [found here](#)*)
*   1-2 page narrative describing your educational and/or professional background;
*   1-2 page description of the project you propose to pursue, your anticipated end goal/outcomes and the University resources you would like to access in order to achieve these outcomes (i.e. courses to audit, library, etc.). Please include a brief statement on how your project might be of benefit to the larger community;
*   Résumé, or Curriculum Vitae;
*   High School Transcript, equivalent, or equivalent experience (please explain), and transcripts from any college or university work;
*   2 letters of reference (may be from a current or former employer, community leader, teacher, professor, colleague, or eminent person in your field of study);
*   Other supporting materials you would like to have considered as a part of your application: work sample, writing samples of up to 2 pages, audio or videotape.

Please note that these materials will not be returned.

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For those with questions regarding this augmented application period please contact ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ at ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮

Community Services

As part of the University's ongoing commitment to the local community, Columbia has dedicated a portion of the *Neighbors* website to communicate some of the University's commitments for project-related programs and services that are currently available. For a comprehensive listing of programs and services, and participant eligibility, please visit **manhattanville.columbia.edu/community-services**

Outreach to Disconnected Youth

Columbia University has initiated outreach to identify and engage disconnected youth ages 16-24 in the local community who have not completed high school or obtained a GED in order to enroll them at no cost in New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) high school programs or GED programs. Upon completion of a high school diploma or GED, participants will be referred for skills training, internships and work-based learning opportunities through community based organizations. Columbia will make a good faith effort to place participants in positions with Columbia University. For more information about how to access the program, please contact 212-854-1116.

Columbia Employment Information Center

The Columbia Employment Information Center (CEIC) (the "Center") serves as the central community-based resource for local residents to apply for open positions at Columbia University.

The Center provides a wide range of services to the local community including in-person and online job readiness training programs, one-on-one job-search counseling and assistance, and access to online job opportunities at Columbia.

You are welcome to call our 24-hour hotline at 212-851-1551; it provides general information about the Center, information on Columbia University job opportunities, information on construction activities and information on construction-related job opportunities.

Summer Sports Camp Scholarships for Children

Columbia University offers 25 need-based scholarships for children ages 6–12 from the Manhattanville area to attend Columbia's Roar-ee's Cubs Summer Camp. One scholarship is equal to one week of camp. All scholarship applications must come to Columbia University through the West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC). For more information, please contact the WHDC at 646-476-3394.

Dental Health Screenings for Senior Citizens

Columbia University offers free dental health screenings for senior citizens throughout Northern Manhattan via the ElderSmile Program. As part of Columbia University's College of Dental Medicine Community DentCare Network, the ElderSmile Program offers free dental screenings and referrals for further dental treatment at senior centers throughout Washington Heights/Inwood and Harlem, including New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents in Manhattanville Houses and General Grant Houses.

Mobile Dental Center for Preschool Children

Columbia University offers free dental care for preschool-age children from the Manhattanville in West Harlem area through the Mobile Dental Center. The Mobile Dental Center is a program of Columbia University's College of Dental Medicine Community DentCare Network, which aims to reduce dental decay and improve the oral health of Northern Manhattan's underserved children, through comprehensive dental treatment and oral health education.

Scholarships for Lifelong Learners

Columbia University provides scholarships for 50 residents of Manhattanville Houses, Grant Houses, and the local community who are 65 years of age and older to audit up to two courses per year. Administered through Columbia's School of Continuing Education, the Lifelong Learners Program is designed for individuals committed to the principles of lifelong education.

For more information about the program, please call 212-854-0419.

Space Provisions for Non-Columbia-Affiliated Local Artists and Cultural Organizations

Columbia University, consistent with current practice, makes good faith efforts to accommodate requests by local artists and cultural organizations not affiliated with Columbia for access to its indoor or outdoor spaces for programming that may include, but is not limited to, information sessions, performances, special events or presentations. Payment for such space will be in accordance with then current University protocols. Columbia University space is generally awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to Columbia and student activities, followed by local community activities.

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For more information, please direct inquiries about the Community Scholars Program to 212-854-4289 or communityaffairs@columbia.edu.

Athletics Clinics

Columbia University's varsity sports programs and coaches of football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, swimming, track and field, and tennis sponsor and participate in seasonal sports clinics for local community children between the ages of 5 and 13 in University facilities and throughout Harlem and Washington Heights.

Course Auditing

Columbia University funds up to 50 courses per year through Columbia's Continuing Education Auditing Program for residents (25 residents from NYCHA Manhattanville Houses and Grant Houses and 25 residents from the local community). The Auditing Program provides adults not currently enrolled in college with the opportunity to attend selected lectures drawn from Columbia University's offerings in the Arts and Sciences during the academic year.

Housing Legal Assistance

For the period from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2014, Columbia University provided funding for one attorney, acceptable to New York City's Housing Preservation & Development Office (NYCHPD).

For the period from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2030, Columbia University provides funding for two attorneys at a legal assistance provider acceptable to NYCHPD serving the Manhattanville area, to provide anti-eviction/anti-harassment legal assistance for residents of the Manhattanville area. Funding will not exceed $4 million through December 31, 2030.

Shuttle Bus Service for the Elderly and Disabled

Columbia University provides a shuttle bus service free of charge to members of the local community who are disabled or who are senior citizens (including their attendants) via the ADA-accessible Intercampus Shuttle. The shuttle bus service complies with ADA specifications to connect the Project Site to subway stations at:

- 96th Street and Broadway
- 116th Street and Broadway (Morningside campus)
- 125th Street and Broadway
- Harlem Hospital Center (135th Street and Lenox Avenue)
- Columbia University Medical Center (168th Street and Broadway)

The shuttle bus service runs on a regular schedule throughout the day on every weekday, except on state and federal public holidays.

Undergraduate Scholarships for Aid-Eligible Students From the Local Community

In an effort to encourage local students to attend Columbia College and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, Columbia University undertakes a targeted recruitment effort for qualified students from the local community. Columbia University has established a scholarship fund to serve up to 40 aid-eligible undergraduate students per year who are admitted to Columbia College and/or the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, with funding made available to meet their fully demonstrated financial need.

The 2015 Community Scholars application was distributed electronically to the following officials and organizations below. In many instances follow-up calls were conducted as a follow-up measure.

Elected Officials
House Representative Charles B. Rangel
House Representative Jerrold Nadler
State Senator Bill Perkins
State Senator Adriano Espaillat
State Assembly member Daniel O'Donnell
State Assembly member Keith Wright
State Assembly member Herman Farrell
State Assembly member Guillermo Linares
City Councilmember Inez Dickens
City Councilmember Mark Levine
Public Advocate Letitia James
Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer (both her uptown and downtown offices)

Community Boards Chairs and Dist. Managers for CB9, CB10, CB11, CB12 and CB7

Civic Organizations
125th Street Business Improvement District (BID)
Citizens Against Recidivism
College and Community Fellowship
The Correctional Association of New York
The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce
The Morningside Area Alliance (MAA)
The New York Women's Chamber of Commerce
The Schomburg Center for Black Culture

Neighboring Tenant Associations
3333 Broadway Tenant Assoc.
Manhattanville Houses Tenant Assoc.
Morningside Gardens Tenant Assoc.
Ulysses S. Grant Houses Tenant Assoc.

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NEWSLETTER

Columbia Community Scholars Program: Prospective Scholars

Applications for the fall 2015 Scholar cohort will be accepted through May 21, 2015.

Eligibility:

You must be a Borough of Manhattan resident living north of 96th Street;
You cannot have a current affiliation with Columbia University;
You must have a High School Diploma, GED or equivalent.

Information Session:
For those with questions regarding the application, we will host a **Columbia Community Scholars Program** Information Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in Columbia University's Low Library Burden Room (Room 206).

Directions: Access to Low Library can be gained by entering Columbia's Morningside Campus at West 116th St. from Broadway or Amsterdam Ave. and walking up the steps of Low Memorial Plaza. http://www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/map/low.html

Application/Nomination Instructions:

Complete a program application (found here) and return it to the address below with the following attached:

- 1-2 page narrative describing your educational and/or professional background;
- 1-2 page description of the project you propose to pursue, your anticipated end goal/outcomes and the University resources you would like to access in order to achieve these outcomes (i.e. courses to audit, library, etc.). Please include a brief statement on how your project might be of benefit to the larger community;
- Résumé, or Curriculum Vitae;
- High School Transcript, equivalent, or equivalent experience (please explain), and transcripts from any college or university work;
- 2 letters of reference (may be from a current or former employer, community leader, teacher, professor, colleague, or eminent person in your field of study);
- Other supporting materials you would like to have considered as a part of your application: work sample, writing samples of up to 2 pages, audio or videotape.

Please note that these materials will not be returned.

Please *e-mail or hand deliver* all materials in one package postmarked no later than May 21, 2015 to:

communityaffairs@columbia.edu, or

Community Scholars Program

Office of Government & Community Affairs

Columbia University

309 Low Library

535 West 116th Street

New York, NY 10027

Please note:

This program does not lead to course credit, a degree or certification. All instruction in classes is conducted in English unless otherwise noted in course descriptions. Admission to Columbia Community Scholars Program is conditional upon proof of northern Borough of Manhattan residency. Although terms are stated as 3 years, individual scholars may opt to complete the program in less time; continued enrollment depends upon continued compliance with all program requirements and University regulations.

Please direct inquiries about the Columbia Community Scholars Program to (212) 854-4289 or communityaffairs@columbia.edu

Program FAQs

Return to Columbia Community Scholars Main Page

Resources

West Harlem Community Benefits Agreement

Columbia Community Service

Columbia Community Scholars Program

Growing Together - Update to the Community

Office of Government and Community Affairs

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535 West 116th Street
New York, NY 10027

(212) 854-5915
communityaffairs@columbia.edu

Columbia Community Scholars Program Application

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

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Daytime Phone: (____)_____   Evening Phone: (____)_____

Cell Phone: (____)_____   Email: _____

The Community Scholars Program offers independent, community-based scholars from Northern Manhattan access to a suite of Columbia University services and resources in order to work toward the completion of a particular project or to attain skill in a particular area. The program originated as one of the benefits and amenities to be provided to the local community as part of Columbia's Manhattanville Campus Expansion. The program allows successful applicants a formal opportunity to participate in the intellectual life of the university, providing opportunities for interaction with faculty, students, and other visiting scholars. It also helps foster and deepen ties between the University and the many independent members of the cultural and intellectual community surrounding it.

The services include access to all the university's libraries (including on-line access), course auditing privileges (in departments offering auditable courses), interaction with scholars in their field of study, and the ability to participate in seminars and social events. A Scholar may wish to avail him or herself of all or some of the services offered; he or she may begin the program simply wishing to access the libraries, and later into the program opt to audit one or two classes. The program's coordinator will assist each scholar to access resources and determine his or her needs, as well as alerting them to relevant opportunities on campus as they arise.

Eligibility:
- You must be a Borough of Manhattan resident living north of 96th Street;
- You cannot have a current affiliation with Columbia University;
- You must have a High School Diploma, GED or equivalent.

Scholars will be appointed for terms of three years, and will be selected by a committee that may include Columbia senior staff, deans and faculty, and may also include leaders from local cultural institutions. At the end of each Scholar's appointment, the tangible outcome of his or her term at the University will be submitted to remain accessible for future Community Scholars and others to review.

Please attach the following:

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The New York State Empire State Development Corporation may require Columbia University to submit each applicant's name, address and proof of residency to confirm program eligibility.

Signature:_____ Print name:_____
Date:_____

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Columbia Community Scholars Cohort III

Mable Haddock

Project: This project will focus on preserving and promoting the work of Black documentary filmmakers from 1965 to the present. It consists of two components: the preservation of a cadre of films selected by a committee of experts and an accompanying essay collection that will offer close readings of each. Haddock plans to take classes at Columbia to develop new research skills in support of her project.

Mable Haddock is an entrepreneur with a long and successful career in media. She has served as the urban arts director for the Canton Cultural Arts Center and is the founder of the National Black Programming Consortium, an organization which sponsors and supports independent filmmakers through advocacy, outreach, funding and distribution. She holds a certificate in public television administration from the Wharton School of Business and is a former Columbia University Revson Scholar.

Kanene Holder

Project: The PromiseLand Project is an initiative that will harness personal experiences, expert collaborations, and joint activities to lead five to ten black men from Harlem in cultivating lasting and meaningful bonds with their children.

Kanene Holder is an actress, activist, poet and educator. She has served as the associate director of NYU's Hip-Hop Education Center and is the creator of various theatre projects designed to enact social change and encourage conversation about sociopolitical topics. For her work she has been recognized as a CORO Educational Leadership Collaborative Fellow, a Bard Artistic Research Fellow, and a New York Life Fellow for Educational Reform. Holder is a graduate of Howard University and holds a Master of Science in Differentiated Instruction from CUNY.

Lisa Jones

Project: An collection of essays focused on parenthood and the evolving social and racial climate in Morningside Heights.

Lisa Jones is a journalist, actress and screenwriter whose body of work examines multiculturalism, black identity, and feminist consciousness. Jones graduated from Yale University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and afterwards moved to London to work as a freelance writer. As a writer for the Village Voice in the 1990s, Jones gained an international following for her work on race and feminism. She has collaborated with Spike Lee and has written for children's television shows such as Little Bill and Gullah Gullah Island. Jones holds an MFA from New York University's School of Film and Television and is the author of a collection of essays, "Bulletproof Diva."

Rodney Trapp

Project: Creative Impact Ventures (CIV) is a social enterprise accelerator that aims to connect entrepreneurs in the creative industries in Northern Manhattan with impact investing. Trapp plans to use his time at Columbia to access the University's entrepreneurship-focused centers to help launch CIV.

Rodney Trapp is an entrepreneur with a background in social impact investing. He has served as the director of institutional giving at the Dance Theatre of Harlem and is the founder of Trapp Consulting. In addtion to his 26 years as a nonprofit executive and fundraising professional, Trapp is also an adjunct instructor at New York University. Most recently, he has conducted research that explores the intersection between impact investing and the creative industries. Trapp holds degrees from Wake Forest and American University as well as Spain's University of Valencia and France's Novancia Business School.

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Columbia Community Scholars Program: FAQs

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who may apply to this program?

- You must be a Borough of Manhattan resident living north of 96th Street
- You cannot have a current affiliation with Columbia University
- You must have a High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent

Will participation in the Columbia Community Scholars Program lead to degree program matriculation?

The Columbia Community Scholars Program was developed to assist Scholars in their completion of an independent project or to help them attain skills in a specific area of interest. Participation in the Columbia Community Scholars Program is not intended to enable a Scholar to enter into a degree program; no course credit, certificate or diploma will be awarded upon completion.

What is the cost, if any, for the Columbia Community Scholars Program?

There are no costs associated with participation in the Columbia Community Scholars Program. However should a Scholar opt to audit courses, course fees, lab fees, or book costs may apply.

To whom should letters of recommendations be addressed?

Letters of recommendation should be addressed and mailed to:

Columbia Community Scholars Program
Office of Government & Community Affairs
Columbia University
309 Low Library
535 West 116th Street
New York, NY 10027

Are "official" transcripts required or will "unofficial" transcripts suffice for the application?

Unofficial transcripts can be submitted with the program application; however selected applicants will be required to submit official transcripts to participate in the program.

I am a Columbia University alum; does that deem me ineligible to participate in the program?

Only current affiliation with the University renders an applicant ineligible. Columbia alumni who do not have a present affiliation with the University are able to apply.

Is this a new program?

The program was originated as part of Columbia University's community benefits and services related to the Manhattanville Campus Expansion and resulted from discussions with the West Harlem community. The first cohort of five independent Scholars was selected from a competitive field of applicants during the spring of 2013. These Scholars began the program in the fall 2013.

How many Scholars will be selected?

Five Scholars were selected in 2013. Up to five new Scholars will be selected to begin the program in the fall of 2014 and a new cohort of Scholars will be selected on an annual basis.

What is the deadline to apply to the program?

April 30, 2015.

When will I hear about the status of my application?

Applicants will be contacted of program decisions in early-to-mid summer.

When does the program start?

New Scholars will begin the program at the start of the fall semester.

What is the duration of the program?

Columbia Community Scholars are enrolled for a period of up to three years.

If I applied last year but was not selected, may I apply again?

Yes! You may apply another time. You will need to submit a new application in order to be considered.

Is there an age limit for applicants?

No; adults meeting the program eligibility may apply to the program regardless of age.

Do I need to be an American citizen in order to apply?

No. As long as you are a legal resident of the United States, you may apply.

What University resources are Scholars able to access?

Individuals selected as Columbia Community Scholars:

- Are issued a Columbia University ID
- Will be given a Columbia University email account
- Gain access to all The Columbia University Libraries (including on-line access)
- Have course auditing privileges (in departments offering auditable courses). The courses available to auditors are typically posted one month prior to the start of the term. To view the courses open to auditors, please go to the Directory of Classes, Columbia's online course bulletin. You can search for auditing courses by clicking "A" in the "Course Listings by Department" box and scrolling down to where the Auditing Department is listed.
- Have opportunities for dialogue with distinguished faculty members in their field of study.
- May participate in seminars and social events.

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