

**Manhattanville in West Harlem Implementation Plan Report
October 15, 2026 Submission**

Declaration Reference and Key Data

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

Obligation Title: **Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers**

Obligation Page Number: **54**

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* (25 Years from Commencement)**

Obligation Status: **In Compliance**

Obligation

Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers. In an effort to enhance the quality of elementary school education within the local community, and as part of Columbia University's strong commitment to supporting quality education for the community, 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 establish three scholarships for qualified teachers to earn a master's degree in an appropriate field from Columbia University or Teacher's College. The three scholarships shall be awarded to qualified elementary school teachers either currently teaching within Community District 9 or interested in teaching elementary school within Community District 9. A maximum of three scholarships shall be in force at any given time with a cumulative maximum of 18 credits per year. Recipients of the scholarships: a) must be admitted to the masters program of choice; b) agree to teach within Community District 9 for five years after they commence their participation in the scholarship program; and c) meet related criteria of the NYCDOE, the United Federation of Teachers, and/or the local school principal.

*The first graduate scholarship recipient enrolled in classes 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.

Evidence of Compliance

1. Annual report

Columbia University's Implementation Plan and all supporting documentation are made available on the Columbia Neighbors Webpage at <https://neighbors.columbia.edu/content/community-commitments>.

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

Please check to verify EOC items submitted for review.

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1. Annual report

Monitor's Notes / Comments:

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Status:

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

- ☐ In Compliance
 - ☐ In Progress
 - ☐ Not In Compliance
 - ☐ Not Triggered

Annual Report: Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers

State Submission Annual Reporting Period: October 2025 - September 2026

#	Academic Year	Name of Recipient	Program	Entrance Date	Total Credits Awarded	Total Credits Used	Degree/ Program Completion Date
1	2013-2014		Public School Administration	July 2013	36	36	August 2014
	2014-2015*						
2	2015-2016**		Curriculum and Teaching	September 2015	18	10	May 2017
3	2016-2017		Health Education	September 2016	18	30	August 2018
	2017-2018			September 2017	18		
	2018-2019		Doctorate of Health Education	September 2018	18	9	January 2021
4	2019-2020		Literacy Specialist	September 2019	12	12	May 2021
	2020-2021			September 2020	18	9	
5	2019-2020		Literacy Specialist	September 2019	12	12	May 2021
	2020-2021			September 2020	18	18	
6	2021-2022		Literacy Specialist	September 2021	6	5	May 2022
7	2021-2022		Public School Building Leadership	September 2021	12	See note below	August 2022
8	2022-2023		Urban Education Leaders Program	September 2022	11	7	May 2024
	2023-2024				3		
9	2024-2025		Curriculum and Teaching	May 2024	9	9	Spring 2026
	2025-2026				6	6	
10	2024-2025		Public School Building Leadership	Summer 2024	18	18	October 2025
	2025-2026				6	6	
11	2024-2025		Curriculum and Teaching	May 2024	9	3	Spring 2026
	2025-2026				6	6	
12	2025-2026		Master of Arts: Developmental Disabilities	Summer 2025	6	3	Spring 2026
13	2026-2027		Curriculum and Teaching	September 2026	9	In Progress	May 2028
14	2026-2027		Special Education	September 2026	9	In Progress	May 2027
Total					278	199	

The cumulative maximum of 18 credits per academic year makes it likely that only one student will be awarded a scholarship annually due to the master's degree program credit requirements. The recruitment and selection processes continue to be modified going forward. It is anticipated that depending on the program selected by the scholarship recipient and requirements of the specific program selected, there could be a need to adjust the recruitment process annually to meet the need.

**Recipient #1 accelerated her matriculation and was able to utilize 36 (two years' worth) credits in a little less than 18 months. As a result, no new scholarship was awarded in school year 2014-2015.*

***Recipient #2 was awarded 18 credits for use in Academic Year 2015-2016. She utilized 10 of these credits and then chose to use other credits she received from having a student teacher in her classroom to cover the remainder of her courses.*

Note: Recipient #7 was awarded 12 credits but utilized financial aid in lieu of the scholarship because she was unsure if she could maintain the commitment to teach within CD9 for 5 years.

Additional Supporting Documentation

- Teachers College Financial Aid website with scholarship information and link to application
- Graduate Scholarships for District 5 & 6 Elementary School Teachers Application for Enrollment in Scholarship Program
- Letter(s) to awarded scholarship recipient(s)

Teachers College Grants & External Scholarships

Teachers College offers several grants and scholarship opportunities to support students with research, professional development, teacher preparation, and other educational goals. Some opportunities require a separate application, while others are administered through specific academic or administrative offices.

Eligibility, award amounts, application requirements, and deadlines vary by program. Review each opportunity carefully to determine whether you may qualify and how to apply.

Teachers College Grants

Dean's Grant for Student Research

The Dean's Grant for Student Research supports Master's and Doctoral students conducting projects that advance education and scholarly inquiry at Teachers College.

- **Eligibility:** Current Teachers College Master's or Doctoral students
- **Award:** Up to \$2,000
- **Selection:** Competitive; approximately five to eight grants are awarded each year

For eligibility requirements and application information, visit the [Office of the Vice Dean for Research](#), which administers the program, or email deansgrants_studentresearch@tc.columbia.edu.



Doctoral Dissertation Grant

The Doctoral Dissertation Grant recognizes and supports outstanding doctoral research. Current Doctoral students who have defended or are preparing to defend their dissertation may be eligible.

Eligibility Criteria

- Be currently enrolled and registered for the semester in which you apply and in good academic standing.
- Have a fully certified and approved dissertation proposal, with IRB approval on file with the Office of Doctoral Studies.
- Have defended or be on track to defend your dissertation during the semester for which you are applying.

Award: Ed.D. students may receive \$6,250. Ph.D. students may be eligible for an additional \$1,500 to help offset tuition charged during the semester in which they defend their dissertation.

Application Requirements

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Submit the application to the Office of Financial Aid during the applicable Fall or Spring application period. Your application must include:

- A written statement describing:
 - Your dissertation topic, including the rationale, research questions, and methods for data collection and analysis.
 - The current status of your dissertation.
 - Your anticipated timeline for completing and defending your dissertation.
- A one-page recommendation letter from your Teachers College faculty dissertation sponsor addressing the importance of your research question and confirming that your proposed timeline is feasible.
- A current Curriculum Vitae.

2026-2027 Application Timeline

	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
Application available	September 16, 2026	February 2, 2027
Application deadline	October 14, 2026	February 24, 2027
Decision release*	November 11, 2026	March 24, 2027

*Decisions will be released on or after the date referenced above.



Graduate Scholarships for District 5 & 6 Elementary School Teachers

Columbia University offers partial scholarships to qualified elementary school teachers in Districts 5 and 6 who are pursuing a Master's degree at Columbia University or Teachers College. Awards range from **6 to 18 tuition credits per year**.

Visit [Columbia Neighbors](#) for eligibility information and application instructions.



Karen Baldwin Research Dissertation Grant in Women's Health

The Karen Baldwin Research Dissertation Grant in Women's Health supports Doctoral students whose approved dissertation research focuses primarily on Women's Health, including sexuality and gender studies.

Eligibility Criteria

- Be currently enrolled as a Doctoral student during the term in which you apply.
- Have an approved dissertation topic that is clearly related to Women's Health and a reasonable timeline for completion and defense.
- Be in good academic standing at the time of application and throughout the academic year in which the grant is awarded.

Application Requirements

Applications are available during the Spring semester and must be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid. Applicants must include:

- A statement of no more than three pages that includes:
 - Working dissertation title and brief abstract.
 - Date or proposed date of the dissertation proposal hearing.
 - Proposed dissertation defense date.
- A current Curriculum Vitae.
- A letter of recommendation from your faculty advisor supporting your dissertation research and proposed timeline for the proposal and defense.

Spring 2027 Application Timeline

	Spring 2027
Application available	February 2, 2027
Application deadline	February 24, 2027
Decision release	March 24, 2027



Provost's Grant for Conference Presentation and Professional Development

The Provost's Grant for Conference Presentation and Professional Development may help students offset eligible costs associated with attending professional conferences and presenting their research.

For eligibility requirements and application information, contact [TC NEXT](#).



Teacher Opportunity Corps Grant

Students enrolled in a teacher certification program at Teachers College may be eligible for funding through the Teachers Opportunity Corps (TOC) program, which is funded by the New York State Department of Education.

Visit the [Office of Teacher Education](#) to learn more about eligibility and application requirements.



External Scholarships

External scholarships can be another valuable source of funding for your education. These awards are offered by private organizations, foundations, corporations, community groups, professional associations, and other organizations. Unlike loans, scholarships generally do not need to be repaid.

Where to Search

Start your search early and explore a variety of reputable sources, including:

- Scholarship databases such as [Fastweb](#) and [Scholarships.com](#)
- Local community organizations and foundations
- Professional and academic associations related to your field
- Employers and professional organizations
- Organizations connected to your academic, professional, or community interests

Many scholarship databases allow you to create a profile and receive opportunities that match your academic interests, background, and goals.

Protect Yourself from Scholarship Scams

Use caution when searching and applying for external scholarships. Legitimate scholarship opportunities generally do not require you to pay a fee to apply or receive an award.

Be cautious of opportunities that:

- Guarantee that you will receive an award.
- Require payment to apply or receive scholarship funds.
- Request sensitive personal or financial information before you have verified the organization.
- Pressure you to act immediately.
- Direct you to an unfamiliar or unverified website.

Always research the organization offering the scholarship and apply through its official website or another trusted source.

Plan Ahead

External scholarships can help reduce the amount you need to pay out of pocket or borrow to finance your education. Start your search early, keep track of deadlines and application requirements, and apply broadly to opportunities for which you meet the eligibility criteria.

Important: If you receive an external scholarship or other outside funding after receiving your Teachers College financial aid offer, notify the Office of Financial Aid. Outside resources may affect your overall financial aid eligibility.

Contact

Office of Admission

Phone: 212-678-3710

admission@tc.columbia.edu

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Manhattanville Commitments Coverage

September 2025 - August 2026 | *Neighbors* Website, E-Newsletters, Social Media, Print Products

Distribution

- Columbia Neighbors Website:** neighbors.columbia.edu, 260,000 views in a year
- Columbia Neighbors E-Newsletter:** Distributed 1x/week on Wednesday to 8,124 Upper Manhattan subscribers.
- Print Bulletin** (Monthly): English and Spanish, 500 copies distributed to community-facing locations on Columbia campuses and local elected officials
- Print Newsletter** (2x/year): English and Spanish, 1,700 mailed to Upper Manhattan neighbors and elected officials, 500 printed and distributed at community events, including Manhattanville Community Day.
- Social Media:** 5,331 followers on Instagram, 2,024 followers on Facebook

Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers

Website + Web Stories

Date	Title/Link	Views
All Year	Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers	136

Print

Edition	Title/Link	Distribution
08/31/26	Applications Open: Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers	500



Graduate Scholarships for District 5 & 6 Elementary School Teachers

Application for Enrollment in Scholarship Program

Academic Year 2026-2027

To support and enhance the quality of elementary school education within the local community, Columbia University offers partial scholarships of between 6 and 18 credits per year to qualified elementary school teachers to earn a master's degree from Columbia University or Teachers College. This scholarship will award a cumulative maximum of 18 credits each year.

This scholarship is intended for **teachers who currently or wish to teach within Manhattan Community District 9 (including School Districts 5 & 6)**. Potential recipients agree to teach within these school districts for five years upon application. There is no penalty should a scholarship recipient's plans change and require relocation to a different school district.

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

Each graduate scholarship applicant must be:

- **Certified** to teach elementary education in the State of New York.
- **Admitted** or pending admission to a master's degree program at Columbia University or Teachers College.
- **Approved** by the New York City Department of Education, the United Federation of Teachers, and/or their local school principal.

Please note, these scholarships are processed on a competitive basis, meaning not all students who meet the criteria will be accepted as recipients of the scholarship.

For more information regarding the Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers program, visit:

<https://neighbors.columbia.edu/content/graduate-scholarships-elementary-school-teachers>

Application Requirements Checklist

Each graduate scholarship applicant must provide the following documents in addition to completing the below form:

- Copy of elementary education certification. Applicable certifications include:
 - Initial Certificate for Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) or
 - Initial Certificate for Middle School Education (Grades 5-9)
- Letter of admission or proof of application to a master's degree program at Columbia University or Teachers College
- Letter of candidacy endorsement from their elementary school principal
 - Letter from elementary school principal must approve in writing the candidacy of each prospective scholarship recipient to be considered for a graduate scholarship.

Application deadline for Academic Year 2026-2027 is April 17, 2026.

Applicants will still be considered if they have not yet received notification of their admission to a program, but receiving the scholarship will be contingent on being accepted.

Contact Information

Full Name:



E-mail address:

Phone number:

Home address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Teaching Experience

Name of Current School:

Grade Level Currently Teaching:

Number of Years Teaching:

Please list all relevant teaching certifications:

Master's Program

Name of master's program applied to at
Columbia University or Teacher's College

Anticipated start date of program:

Anticipated completion date of program:

Total number of credits required to complete
program:

Number of credits enrolled in for the upcoming
Academic year *(please estimate if you are
unsure at the time of submitting this application)*:

Status of Application to Master's Program

- ☐ Admitted
- ☐ Still Awaiting Decision

Have you applied for this scholarship before?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please explain why you want to receive this scholarship:

Please confirm your commitment to teach within Community District 9 (school districts 5 & 6) for five years after completion of participation in the scholarship program:

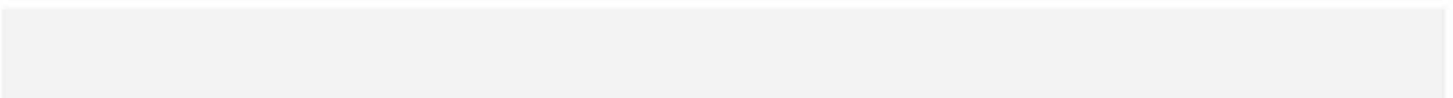
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Drop files or [click here to upload](#)

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I certify that all the statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

May 26, 2026

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I am pleased to share that you have been chosen as a recipient of Columbia University's 2026–2027 Graduate Scholarship for Elementary School Teachers. Congratulations on your successful application. This scholarship represents Columbia's commitment to enhancing the quality of education within the local community and supporting the professional development of teachers within the community's schools.

This scholarship will cover tuition towards your studies during the 2026–2027 academic year towards the completion of a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Teaching at Teachers College. The scholarship also covers your registration fees for courses to which the scholarship is applied. Please note that Columbia University health fees are not covered by this scholarship.

We are pleased to offer a scholarship that will cover nine (9) credits and their related course fees for use this coming academic year, including fall 2026, and spring 2027.

Please send an email to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] confirming the following:

- Your acceptance of the scholarship for Academic Year 2026–2027;
- The number of credits you expect to complete in this academic year;
- Your anticipated graduation date; and
- Your commitment, to the best of your knowledge, to teach within Community District 9 for five years following receipt of the degree, pursuant to the terms of the scholarship.

For each term you wish to apply the scholarship to tuition and related fee obligations, forward the relevant itemized tuition invoice to [REDACTED]. Please note that the scholarship cannot be applied to courses dropped after that term's Change of Program Deadline.

I wish you success in your studies at Teachers College and offer my deep appreciation for your work on behalf of the children of upper Manhattan.

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Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers Commitment Form

Q2. Contact Information

Name

Email Address

Q3. Please confirm your commitment to teach within Manhattan Community District 9 (includes school districts 5 & 6) for five years following receipt of degree.

☒ I confirm my commitment to teach within Community District 9 for five years

Q4. Periodically, we may need to confirm your matriculation at Teachers College and/or Columbia University. Please confirm your agreement to respond to queries from Columbia University regarding the status of your matriculation.

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Q5. Please confirm your agreement to respond to keep Columbia University apprised of your anticipated completion date.

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Q6. Please use your mouse or finger to sign below:



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