



PhD Funding for Entering Students

Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents - Stipends

Summer 2024

Presented by GSAS Office of Financial Aid

Today's Session

- Introduction
- Overview of PhD Funding
 - Funding Disbursement Process
- Your Responsibility
- Registration - Enrollment Categories
- Timing and Next Steps
- Q & A



Welcome to Columbia – Meet Your People

- DGS – Director of Graduate Studies
- DAAF – Director of Academic Administration and Finance \$
- Financial Aid – Departmental Liaison \$
 - <https://www.gsas.columbia.edu/sites/default/files/content/docs/Financial-Aid-Directory.pdf>
- Also Student Affairs, Compass, Diversity and Inclusion...

PhD Funding Overview – U.S. Citizens and PR

➤ Tuition and Fees

- Including Health Insurance for you and your eligible dependents (if applicable)

➤ Living Expenses

- Academic Year Stipend (lump sum each semester, no tax withholdings*)
- Summer Stipend (lump sum, no tax withholdings*)

<https://www.gsas.columbia.edu/content/fellowship-information-doctoral-students>

<https://www.gsas.columbia.edu/content/tax-information-students>

PhD Funding Overview

➤ Humanities and Social Sciences

<https://www.gsas.columbia.edu/content/fellowship-support-doctoral-students-humanities-and-social-science-departments>

➤ E3B, Mathematics, and Statistics

<https://www.gsas.columbia.edu/content/fellowship-support-doctoral-students-e3b-mathematics-and-statistics>

➤ Other Natural Sciences

<https://www.gsas.columbia.edu/content/fellowship-support-phd-students-natural-sciences-departments>

PhD Funding Overview – Additional Resources

- Guaranteed [Columbia housing](#) for five academic years
- Full [health insurance coverage on the student plan for eligible dependents](#)
- Health insurance coverage while on an official [medical leave](#)
- [Subsidy towards optional dental insurance plan](#)
- [Accommodation for Parental Responsibilities](#)
- [Child-care subsidy](#)
- [Funding to attend conferences](#)
- [GSAS International Travel Awards](#)
- Coverage of Internet fee for students in [university housing](#)
- [Printing quota upgrade](#) when not on appointment
- [Gym access](#) during funding-eligible years

Your Responsibility

- Rent
- Student Activities Fee: \$46 each semester
- Document Fee: \$105 one-time, first semester
- Language and Other Course Specific Fees
- Late Registration Fee: \$100
- Late Payment Fee: \$150 (first assessment), 1.5% of balance monthly
 - if related to any of the above categories or during self-funded semesters
- Withdrawal Fee: \$75

Registration – Enrollment Categories

- Two Residence Units (RU) are required for the MA earned as part of a PhD degree
- Four additional Residence Units, for a total of six overall, are required for conferral of the MPhil, PhD, and DMA degrees.
- These six Residence Units correspond to the first three years of a PhD program.

Enrollment Categories:

- ***RU = Full Residence Unit (first six semesters of enrollment)***

After completing required RUs (typically in your fourth year):

- ER = Extended Residence
 - Register for a course
 - Hold a university teaching or research appointment
- M&F = Matriculation and Facilities
 - completing a degree requirement such as a language examination or qualifying examination
 - Preparing, writing, or distributing the dissertation proposal or dissertation

Next Steps – Complete by Friday, August 23rd

- **Resolve any outstanding HOLDS on your Columbia University account**
 - Immunization hold will prevent registration and disbursement of your funding
 - <https://www.health.columbia.edu/immunization-compliance-office>
- **Update your address in Student Services On-Line (SSOL)**
 - Must have a U.S. address on record
 - Log into [SSOL](https://ssol.columbia.edu) (ssol.columbia.edu)*
 - Select Addresses: View and Update
 - Click Update under the Local Address section to make any changes
- **Enroll in Direct Deposit**
 - Must use a U.S. bank account
 - <https://www.sfs.columbia.edu/direct-deposit>
 - Complete FIRST option for Refunds/Stipends

Next Steps – Register for Fall 2024 (3-day window!)

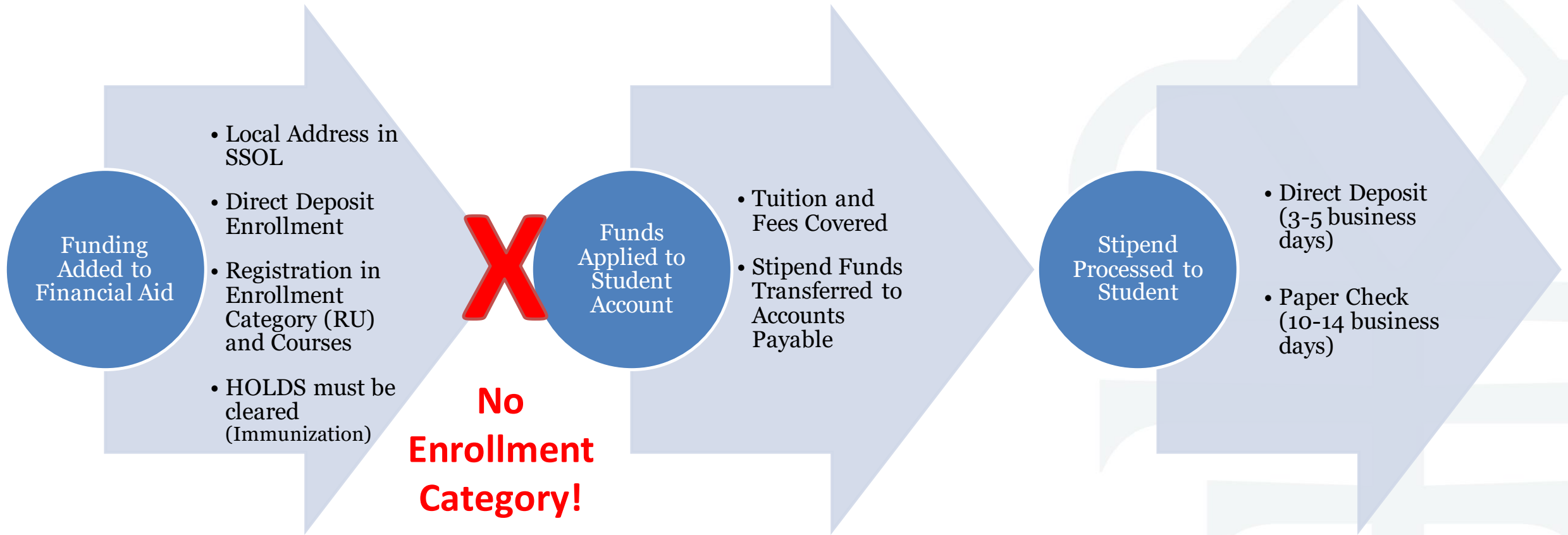
- **Registration will be available via SSOL for the following dates:**
 - Tuesday, August 27th
 - Wednesday, August 28th
 - Thursday, August 29th
- **Enrollment Category = RU (Residence Unit)**
 - You must register for a RU and at least ONE course prior to the end of registration on Thursday, August 29th

1 RESIDENCE UNIT MORNINGSIDE CAMPUS

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Stipend Disbursement Process – U.S. Citizen or PR



Takeaways

- **Take action now or as soon as possible**
 - Clear HOLDS, update address and direct deposit
- **Importance of Enrollment Categories**
 - Register for RU between August 27 – 29 (and at least one course)
- **Your People are HERE**



Q&A

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