



# PhD Funding for Entering Students

Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
International Students - 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 – International

## ➤ Tuition and Fees

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

## ➤ Living Expenses

- Academic Year Stipend (lump sum each semester, subject to tax withholdings)
  - Summer Stipend (lump sum, subject to tax withholdings)

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

<https://www.gsas.columbia.edu/content/tax-information-international-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 As Soon As Possible

- **Apply for a Social Security Number**
  - <https://isso.columbia.edu/content/social-security-number-application>
- **Open a U.S. bank account**
  - <https://isso.columbia.edu/content/resources-students>
- **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>
- **Provide visa information to payroll team**
  - Our office will be reaching out with additional details in July

## **Next Steps – Complete by Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** **(or as soon as possible after arrival)**

### ➤ **Update your address in Student Services On-Line (SSOL)**

- Must have a U.S. address on record for LOCAL address
- Must have a FOREIGN address on record for PERMANENT address
  - NOTE: Your permanent address should remain as a foreign address unless your citizenship changes
  - 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!)

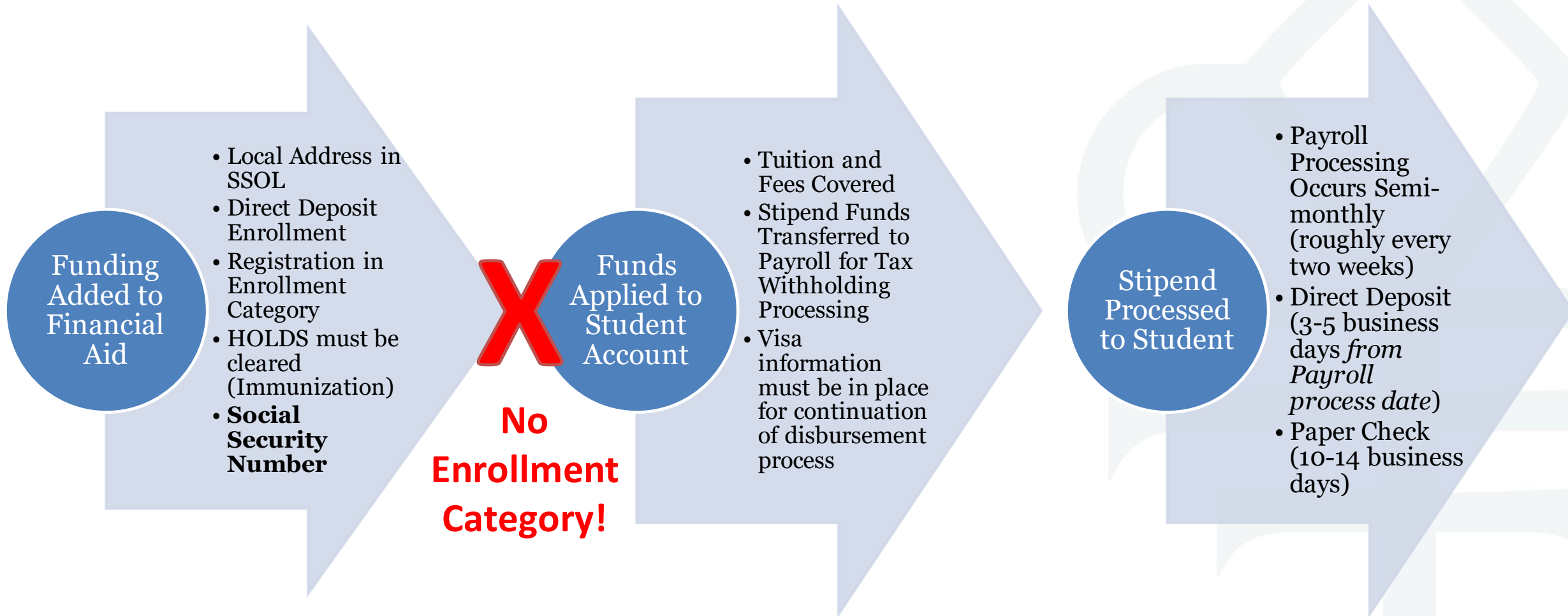
- **Registration will be available via SSOL for the following dates:**
  - Tuesday, August 27th
  - Wednesday, August 28th
  - Thursday, August 29th
- **Enrollment Category = RU (Residence Unit)**
  - You must register for a RU and at least ONE course prior to the end of registration on Thursday, August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

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# Funding Disbursement Process -- International



September 13 is the first payroll process date for Fall 2024. Students who have all steps completed by priority deadlines will be included in the first process.

# Takeaways

## ➤ **Take action now or as soon as possible**

- Apply for SSN, Open a US bank account, Clear HOLDS, Update address and enroll in 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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