

Columbia College Monthly Student Information:

In these uncertain times, we want to be sure that we provide you with new information as it becomes available. You can find the latest information on how Columbia is responding to the pandemic at www.gocolumbia.edu.

FAQ: https://www.gocolumbia.edu/student_services/student_faqs_covid_19_closure.php

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Are you a new student?

Sign-up for Claim Jumper Day today for a campus tour, academic advising, and lunch! Call 209.588.5109 or email claimjumpers@yosemite.edu to sign-up.

Columbia College welcomes students back to campus with extra financial aid, new scholarships, and face-to-face services

Columbia College has ramped up to welcome students for a new semester in August, with all services face-to-face, many classes in person and unprecedented new offers for financial aid, scholarships and extra support.

“We want to welcome students back to campus, and let them know this is a great time to pursue their education here at Columbia,” said Interim President G.H. Javaheripour. “All of our services and many more of our classes will be face-to-face on campus this fall,” Javaheripour said. “That’s a huge step forward as we come through COVID restrictions.”

Students also will have access to more than \$1 million in new financial aid through COVID relief over the next year, and more than \$200,000 in new scholarship support through the Columbia College Foundation. For most Columbia students, the new financial programs will mean hundreds and even thousands of extra dollars each semester.

“We’ve never had this amount of assistance available before,” said Financial Aid Director Marnie Shively. “These financial aid and scholarship programs will give students a significant jump start, and we want as many students as possible to take advantage of this new support.”

Expanded financial aid will be available to students who fill out a 2021-22 Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act application (for undocumented students) and meet registration requirements for the Fall and Spring Semesters.

Students may be eligible for state and federal emergency grants in addition to standard financial aid. Students can contact the financial aid office for information at (209) 588-5105 or (209) 588-5272.

In addition, the Columbia College Foundation is offering some significant new awards to help students attend fulltime this fall:

- A \$300-per-student “welcome bonus” for hundreds of new and returning students covered by its **Columbia College Promise Program** for local students who completed high school in 2020 or 2021.
- 20 “CCC Finish Line” scholarships, at \$2,500 per semester, for continuing students who are at least halfway to graduating and can attend fulltime.
- CCC Finish Line emergency grants available for students who need extra assistance in the coming school year.

“We know it’s been so hard for students during the pandemic,” said Foundation President Jeff Warren. “We are grateful for these extra resources to encourage them to stay on track.

For more information on the Fall Semester, contact the college at (209) 588-5109, or visit the college website at www.gocolumbia.edu.

New students also are invited to come to campus and attend a Claim Jumper Day from noon to 3pm on August 11. These days are designed to welcome and orient new students to college life at Columbia College. A campus tour led by student leaders will include active and engaging stops for students to accomplish new student steps including applications and academic advising. Register today at 209.588.5109 or send an email to claimjumpers@yosemite.edu.

For general information or to get college ready, get one-on-one support by contacting Motherlode Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC) at 209-588-5066. MEOC is a federally funded program and can serve any college-bound person.

Returning to Campus

At Columbia College, your health is our number one concern. Though COVID-19 caused limited campus access for the past year, we are fully re-opening our doors, and many classes are now being held on campus. Please be aware that face masks are still required on campus, and social distancing is still recommended. Face masks are available at the Manzanita Information Desk and throughout campus.

Library Loaning Equipment for Fall Semester

The Library will start loaning textbooks, laptops and hotspots for the fall semester starting the second week in August. Students can search for and request materials using OneSearch, the Library’s online catalog. Details, direct links to popular items and brief tutorials are available on the Library’s [website](#).

Deadlines coming soon: University Transfer Applications for Spring and Fall 2022

All students considering transferring to a university to complete a bachelor's degree are encouraged to join the TRiO Student Support Services (transfer services) program now!

- Get step-by-step help to plan your transfer process and apply with our university advisor, peer mentor, and specialized transfer counseling services.
 - **Do you know when to start the application process? What is the best campus to apply to for your major? ...for your career goals?**
- **We cover how to maximize your scholarships, financial aid awards, and customized money management plans.**
 - **Do you know that tuition at a CSU or UC can be waived for certain financial aid students? What is the "Cost of Attendance" at your university?**

Check out the [TRiO SSS video](#), [webpage](#), and [apply](#) today! Call 209-588-5066 or email

Columbiatrio@yosemite.edu for more information.