

Financial Aid Checklist for International Students

To see your account, schedules, records, financial aid, received documents and more go to Student Services
Online at <https://ssol.columbia.edu/>

Have you

1) Applied for a Private Loan to Cover the Cost of Attendance?

If you are planning on covering the difference in awarded financial aid and the cost of attendance with a Private loan, please visit the following site:

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/docs/Grad_Fin_Aid/Private_Loans/index.html

2) Set-up your CU account for automated refunds?

If all of your charges have been paid, and your student account has a credit balance, you may be entitled to a refund. Refunds are not issued on any anticipated credits for financial aid, scholarships, or the payment plan, only on actual credits. If you incur any charges after receiving a refund, you are responsible for paying those charges. Refunds are issued by direct deposit into your U.S. checking or savings account within 5 business days or by mailing a check within 10 business days. The check will be mailed to your local address listed in SSOL. **Important Note: Refunds are not available until after the add/drop period so you should be prepared to pay your own personal expenses for the first month of classes.**

Please note: The option to request a refund will NOT appear if there is not an actual credit on the account. You will only be able to request a refund online if there is an actual credit (not an anticipated one) on your student account.

2.1) Set-up direct deposit at

https://ssol.columbia.edu/?tran%5b1%5d+tran_name=sadd

2.2) Set-up your CU account for automated refunds on Student Services Online (SSOL)

<https://ssol.columbia.edu/>

3) Endorse your private loan check?

Once your private loan has been received by the cashiers department, the cashiering office will notify you that a private loan check needs to be endorsed. The Cashiering Office is located at 210 Kent Hall.

4) Looked for jobs on campus?

International students may look for jobs on the Columbia University campus. Although international students do not qualify for jobs labeled "Federal Work Study" there may be other jobs available. For more information on how to apply for these jobs, visit the following site:

http://www.cce.columbia.edu/students/find_a_job/

5) Set up Third Party Billing? If someone else will be paying any portion of your bill directly to Columbia University, you need to complete Third Party Billing Information. Please explore the following link for more information:

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/docs/billing/Sponsored-Students/index.html>

An electronic version of this form is available on the Financial Aid Portion of our web site.