

# Nonfiction (MFA)

## Estimated Program Costs

The **Nonfiction MFA** program balances a study of literature and the form and theory of nonfiction. You'll develop an understanding of the shifting landscape of this growing genre, from autobiographies and essays to memoirs and travel writing.

**To earn an MFA in Nonfiction at Columbia, you must complete 38 credits.**

The below chart reflects the typical costs of a full-time student in this program:

|                             | YEAR 1<br>FALL AND SPRING | YEAR 2<br>FALL AND SPRING | YEAR 3<br>FALL AND SPRING | TOTAL COSTS |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| ESTIMATED DIRECT EXPENSES   | \$21,498                  | \$21,498                  | \$3,089                   | \$46,085    |
| ESTIMATED INDIRECT EXPENSES | \$21,236                  | \$21,236                  | \$21,236                  | \$63,708    |

- The estimated **direct expenses** include tuition and fees for the program based on 2020–21 tuition rates. Tuition rates are subject to annual increases. You will be billed by Columbia for direct expenses after you register for each semester of the program.
- The estimated **indirect expenses** reflect the average cost of attending college full time in Chicago and include estimates for books and supplies, room and board, and transportation. You will not be billed by Columbia for indirect expenses, and your actual expenses may vary.
- The last year of the program reflects the cost of being enrolled in 1 thesis credit hour per term. The final semester is not required if you have already completed your thesis, and costs will be prorated accordingly.

### Financing Your Graduate Degree at Columbia

Columbia will work closely with you to create a plan to finance your graduate program. We recommend that you submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**fafsa.gov**) with the Columbia school code of 001665 for the academic year that you plan to begin your graduate program. For additional information on financing your graduate program, please visit [colum.edu/columbiacentral](http://colum.edu/columbiacentral).