

Fine Arts (MFA)

Estimated Program Costs

In Columbia's **Fine Arts MFA** program, you'll refine your artistic practice and develop the practical business skills you'll need in your professional career. Working alongside our distinguished faculty, you'll focus on areas like printmaking, sculpture, installation, new media, and hand papermaking.

To earn a Fine Arts MFA at Columbia, you must complete 60 credits.

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

	YEAR 1 FALL AND SPRING	YEAR 2 FALL AND SPRING	TOTAL COSTS
ESTIMATED DIRECT EXPENSES	\$42,808	\$42,808	\$85,616
ESTIMATED INDIRECT EXPENSES	\$30,592	\$30,592	\$61,184

- The estimated **direct expenses** include tuition and fees for the program based on 2025-26 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.

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 (studentaid.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.