

Photography (MFA)

Estimated Program Costs

The **MFA in Photography** program blends the technical, aesthetic, and academic study of photography and its place in society and contemporary art practice. You'll develop a sophisticated portfolio to support your career as an artist and visual communicator.

To earn an MFA in Photography 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	\$38,694	\$31,792	\$70,486

- 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.
- During the first semester of this program, you should expect to purchase a professional digital SLR camera (approximately \$4,500), a MacBook Pro computer (approximately \$2,500) and two external hard drives (approximately \$400). These items are included in the year 1 estimated indirect expenses above. If you already own any of this equipment or equipment of a similar quality, you may not be required to make additional purchases.

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.