

Columbia  
Journalism  
School 



# Journalism, Columbia & You

# Ten Great Academic Programs



## MASTER OF SCIENCE

The 10-month M.S. program offers aspiring and experienced journalists the opportunity to study the skills, the art, and the ethics of journalism by reporting and writing stories that range from short news pieces to complex narrative features. Students learn how to think critically and deeply, and to be both ethical and street smart, working with New York City as their laboratory. Students may choose from one of four specializations: newspaper, magazine, broadcast, or digital media. Applicants interested in investigative reporting may apply to the Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism, a sub-specialization within the M.S. program. Students may also enroll in this program on a part-time basis.

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/msprogram](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/msprogram)

## MASTER OF ARTS

The 9-month M.A. program is designed for experienced journalists who would like to deepen their knowledge of journalism while

focusing on a particular subject area: politics, science: health and the environment, business and economics, or the arts. M.A. students are challenged to create new ways of telling stories based on a deeper understanding of complex subjects. Students work closely with Journalism School professors as well as professors from other academic departments at the University. The program is available full time only and runs from August to May.

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/maprogram](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/maprogram)

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COMMUNICATIONS

The Ph.D. program draws upon the resources of Columbia University in a multidisciplinary approach to the study of communications. Students craft individual courses of study from the wide array of departments and divisions at the University. In addition to the Journalism School, these include the Departments of Political Science and Sociology; the professional Schools of Business and Law;

and Teachers College.

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/phdprogram](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/phdprogram)

## DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

We offer five dual-degree programs:

- Journalism and Computer Science
- Journalism and Law
- Journalism and Business
- Journalism and International and Public Affairs
- Journalism and Religion

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/dual\\_degrees](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/dual_degrees)

## INTERNATIONAL DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

We offer two international dual-degree options:

- With Sciences Po in Paris
- With the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/international](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/international)

## Course Offerings

### SAMPLE M.S. COURSE SCHEDULE

**Fall Semester**  
Reporting & Writing I  
Journalism Essentials  
Skills of the Journalist  
Elective  
Master's Project

**Spring Semester**  
Advanced Reporting & Writing  
Media Workshop  
Elective  
Master's Project

### SAMPLE M.A. COURSE SCHEDULE

**Fall Semester**  
Graduate Seminar in Major  
Evidence & Inference  
History of Journalism  
Elective  
Master's Thesis

**Spring Semester**  
Graduate Seminar in Major  
Elective  
Elective  
Master's Thesis

## MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND JOURNALISM

This innovative dual-degree program, which accepted its first students in 2011, offers a Master of Science in computer science and journalism. The program, a close collaboration between the Engineering and Journalism schools, provides unique and highly specialized training in the digital environment, including technical and editorial skills in all aspects of computer-supported news gathering and digital media production. Students enroll in classes at both the Journalism and Engineering schools for a total of five semesters. Applicants must meet the admission requirements of both the computer science and journalism programs.

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/engineering](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/engineering)



# Columbia. Because Journalism Matters.

The Graduate School of Journalism welcomes students from over 40 countries to the Columbia University campus in New York City every year. We are proud to provide the foundation and opportunity for our students to succeed, to become leaders in the industry, and to shape the future of journalism.

**Mission** Our mission has remained consistent for nearly one hundred years: to educate journalists, to uphold standards of excellence, and to lead the way for innovation in journalism. We provide you with tools that are difficult to acquire on the job at a news organization and will serve you over the long term as journalists.

**Faculty** Our faculty members are preeminent in their fields. They are award-winning reporters, columnists, authors, magazine editors, documentary filmmakers, and digital media experts. They are deeply committed to teaching, challenging, and supporting their students. Many are charting the frontiers of digital journalism and sharing their expertise with students.

**Curriculum** Our curriculum covers the bedrock values of journalistic excellence and innovation, ensuring that you will be trained to thrive in the rapidly changing world of digital media. The courses we offer are unsurpassed in terms of quality and the diversity of subjects they cover. We offer four degree programs to accommodate your different needs and interests.

**Students** Our students come from a wide range of backgrounds, some with considerable journalism experience and some with none. What you share with each other and with our



faculty is a passion for journalism and the talent to excel in the field. Columbia is the only Ivy League school of journalism, and as a student here you have full access to the resources of the entire University.

**Prizes** The prizes that we administer at the Journalism School, including the Pulitzer Prizes and the duPont Awards, recognize some of the best work being done in journalism. Every year, leaders in journalism gather at the school to judge and award these prizes.

**Alumni** Our alumni work in prestigious news organizations around the world. As a student, you will have access to our alumni network of unparalleled contacts in all areas of journalism.

# Distinguished Faculty. Outstanding Students.

An Unbeatable Combination

## OUR FACULTY

Our faculty consists of nationally recognized journalists with specialties that include politics, arts and culture, religion, science, education, business and economics, investigative reporting, and national and international affairs. They have won numerous journalism awards, including the Pulitzer Prize, the Guggenheim Fellowship, the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards, the National Magazine Award, and the National Book Award. Because our classes are small by design, students have the opportunity to work closely with each professor, receiving one-on-one mentoring inside and outside the classroom on writing, reporting, and research.

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/faculty](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/faculty)

## OUR STUDENTS

We seek students for our degree programs who are skilled writers, curious about the world, passionate about searching for the truth and sharing it, determined, resourceful, motivated to dedicate their careers to journalism, and who exhibit leadership potential.

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/admissions](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/admissions)

## INFORMATION SESSIONS

Throughout the year we host sessions on our campus in New York City and around the country to provide information about our programs and how they can advance your career in journalism. Whether you are just beginning to consider graduate school or plan to submit an application, these sessions will



inform you about the range of choices and resources available.

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/visiting](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/visiting)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

The Graduate School of Journalism offers approximately \$4.1 million annually in fellowships and scholarships to students who demonstrate high academic achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise for leading careers in journalism. In conjunction with the University's Student Financial Planning Office, we work with each student to ease the cost of attendance through a combination of scholarships and need-based programs, including grants and federal and private loans.

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/scholarships](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/scholarships)



## APPLICATION DEADLINES

### DECEMBER 1

**Master of Science international dual-degree programs**

*With Sciences Po, Paris*

*With University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg*

### DECEMBER 15

**Master of Science  
Master of Science dual-degree programs**

*Journalism and Law*

*Journalism and Business*

*Journalism and Religion*

*Journalism and International and Public Affairs*

**Ph.D. in Communications**

### JANUARY 15

**Master of Science dual-degree program**

*Computer Science and Journalism*

**Master of Arts**

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/apply](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/apply)

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# Student Life

## AT SCHOOL AND ON THE BEAT

Student life at the Journalism School incorporates more than just course work. Our students study journalism not only in the classroom, but also through covering the intricate and diverse neighborhoods of New York City with close guidance and mentoring from their professors. Students form intense bonds during their time at the School and often develop lifelong friendships with fellow students as well as with faculty. Every day, our students are invited to attend and participate in lectures, workshops, conferences, and receptions with leaders in journalism who visit the School. The student government is run through the University chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, the world's largest journalism organization.

Student officers organize events throughout the year, including field trips, panels, and community service projects.

## RESOURCES

The Journalism School's Stabile Student Center, completed in 2008, is the School's social hub with a café, computer workstations, teaching labs, conference rooms, and the school library. Technical resources at the School include more than 150 multi-media computers in labs, edit suites, and social areas; the Roone Arledge broadcast studio; a radio studio, and an equipment room housing hundreds of media production kits for photography, audio, and video. Computer labs offer Apple operating systems and media software suites such as Pro Tools, Final Cut Pro, and Adobe Creative Suite Premium.

## STUDENT WORK

Our students publish their work in a rich

array of platforms throughout the year, including *ColumbiaJournalist.org*, the online student publication of the school; *TheBrooklynInk.com* and *BronxInk.org*, online news sites dedicated to coverage of those boroughs; Columbia News Service, a wire service that publishes student features in dailies around the country through The New York Times News Service; "Columbia News Tonight," the weekly spring television newscast produced by our students; and *ColumbiaDigitalMedia.com*, a Web site by the digital media workshops, combining traditional reporting and writing skills with the best of online journalism.

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/student\\_work\\_online](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/student_work_online)

## CAREER SERVICES

Our Career Services staff—all former journalists with strong industry connections in print, broadcast, and digital media—work closely with students to help them pursue the most meaningful jobs and internships in the U.S. and abroad. Students are invited to meet with a Career Services counselor for one-on-one consultations during the school year and are encouraged to attend weekly panels and workshops with guest editors and job-hunting strategy sessions hosted at the School. Our annual spring career expo is the biggest journalism job fair in the nation, with more than 170 recruiters and editors from 105 news organizations attending. Our dynamic proprietary Web site, accessible only to Columbia students and alumni, includes guides, audio archives from past speakers, tips about job hunting, employer profiles, and a jobs database that is updated daily.

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/careers](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/careers)



## Tow Center for Digital Journalism

The Tow Center for Digital Journalism, which opened in Fall 2010, offers students the skills, experience, and knowledge to become leaders in digital journalism and also serves as a research and development center for the profession as a whole.

Led by Director Emily Bell, formerly head of digital content for Britain's Guardian News and Media, the Center explores how the development of technology is changing journalism, its practice and its consumption—particularly as consumers of news seek ways to judge the reliability, standards, and credibility of information. The Tow Center also devises and publicizes innovative methods of digital reporting and presentation for both established media companies and new startups. In addition to working closely with students, Bell oversees original scholarly research and explores a variety of new models by which news organizations can sustainably create and deliver high quality content to their audiences.

## Recent Job Placements

ABC News  
Agence France-Presse  
Aspen Magazine  
Associated Press  
Barron's  
Bloomberg News  
BostonGlobe.com  
CBS News  
CNN  
Chicago Tribune  
Condé Nast  
*The Daily Beast*  
*The Denver Post*  
*Detroit Free Press*  
The Economist.com  
Forbes  
Fortune  
*The Huffington Post*  
KQED (San Francisco)  
*Los Angeles Times*  
Mashable.com  
*The Miami Herald*

Money  
MSNBC.com  
National Public Radio  
NBC News  
Newsweek  
*New York Daily News*  
*New York*  
*The New York Times*  
Patch.com/AOL News  
PBS NewsHour  
ProPublica  
Reuters  
*Sacramento Bee*

*Scientific American*  
*South China*  
*Morning Post*  
*Sports Illustrated*  
TheStreet.com  
*Time*  
*The Village Voice*  
*The Washington Post*  
*The Wall Street*  
*Journal/Dow Jones*  
Univision

# The J-School at a Glance

## TOTAL ANTICIPATED STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2011–2012

Master of Science (full time) **258**  
Master of Science (part time) **100**  
Master of Science Dual Degree with  
Computer Science **6**  
Master of Arts **55**  
Doctor of Philosophy **26**

## DEMOGRAPHICS (FULL TIME)

International Students **36%**  
Female **61%** Male **39%**  
Average Age **27**

## AMONG AMERICAN STUDENTS

Asian American **8%**  
Black/African American **9%**  
Latino/Hispanic **7%**  
White/Caucasian **38%**  
Other **7%** Unreported **31%**

## APPLICATIONS FOR FULL-TIME STUDY 2011–2012

*Master of Science*  
Applicants **850**  
Admits **396**  
Expected to Enroll **258**

*Master of Arts*  
Applicants **222**  
Admits **72**  
Expected to Enroll **55**

*Doctor of Philosophy*  
Applicants **91**  
Admits **4**  
Expected to Enroll **4**

## ALUMNI

Total Living Alumni 9,974  
Alumni Living Overseas 1,152

## COST OF ATTENDANCE 2011–2012

Master of Science	Master of Arts/Ph.D.
Tuition \$47,076	Tuition \$42,848
Fees 5,633	Fees 5,662
Living 24,050	Living 23,096
<b>TOTAL \$76,759</b>	<b>TOTAL \$71,606</b>

## ANTICIPATED SCHOLARSHIP/ FELLOWSHIP FUNDING 2011–2012

Master of Science	Master of Arts
\$2,702,512	\$1,241,168

65% of those who applied for scholarship aid received funding.

92% of those who applied for scholarship aid received funding.

Range of Awards	Range of Awards
\$1,000 – \$57,555	\$1,000 – \$67,492

Average Award	Average Award
\$15,187	\$28,813

## Doctor of Philosophy

All entering doctoral students receive funding. They normally receive a tuition waiver for the first two or three years of course work, a stipend for the first three years of study, and medical coverage for several years of their studies. They are also eligible for research or teaching assistantships.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Our continuing education seminars, executive education, and fellowships offer opportunities for experienced practitioners and media executives to advance their knowledge and expertise. These include:

### Punch Sulzberger News Media Executive Leadership Program

[www.sulzbergerprogram.org](http://www.sulzbergerprogram.org)

### Spencer Education Journalism Fellowship

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/spencer](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/spencer)

### The Knight-Bagehot Fellowship

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/knight-bagehot](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/knight-bagehot)

### Columbia Publishing Course

[www.journalism.columbia.edu/publishing](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/publishing)

## COUNTRIES REPRESENTED 2011–2012

Australia	Colombia	Iraq	Netherlands	Singapore
Austria	Costa Rica	Ireland	Pakistan	South Africa
Bangladesh	Dominican Republic	Israel	People's Republic of China	Sweden
Belgium	Republika of Serbia	Italy	Republic of Korea	Switzerland
Brazil	Estonia	Japan	Philippines	Trinidad and Tobago
Bulgaria	Ethiopia	Kenya	Portugal	United Kingdom
Burundi	France	Lebanon	Russia	
Cameroon	Germany	Malaysia	Saudi Arabia	
Canada	India	Mexico	Sierra Leone	
Chile	Indonesia	Nepal		

## COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

The Graduate School of Journalism is committed to creating and supporting a community that is diverse in every way. We offer a curriculum as pluralistic and polyphonic as New York itself, and a community of scholars who embody this commitment to open discussion and debate. Diversity is one of the things that makes the journalism school vibrant and exciting, and our students find a setting that allows them to explore diversity in a variety of ways, at a university that prides itself on serious intellectual inquiry and the exploration of diverse ideas. This is the transformative power of diversity in education: its ability to enrich the individual as it enriches the community and society as a whole.

## JOURNALISM AWARDS

The Journalism School administers many professional awards to uphold standards of excellence in the media, a tradition that Joseph Pulitzer began when he established the school and endowed the Pulitzer Prizes at Columbia.

### Pulitzer Prizes

*The Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University*

*Awards for Broadcast*

*National Magazine Award*

*The Maria Moors Cabot Prizes*

*John B. Oakes Awards*

*John Chancellor Award for*

*Excellence in Journalism*

*Lukas Prize Project*

*Mike Berger Award*

*Paul Tobenkin Award for*

*Race Reporting*

## DART CENTER

The Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma, dedicated to informed, innovative and ethical news reporting on violence, conflict and tragedy, provides training and resources for journalists and news organizations worldwide.

[www.dartcenter.org](http://www.dartcenter.org)