Dear Admitted Student and Parent:

Welcome to Columbia University’s Center for Career Education (CCE) which provides comprehensive career programs and services to students in Columbia College (CC) and The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS). The mission of CCE is to help students and alumni develop the key competencies required to make informed decisions and take the necessary steps to achieve their career goals. The Center establishes connections and facilitates interaction among students, alumni, employers and organizations to generate opportunities that help students pursue their personal and professional objectives.

In this brochure, you will find examples of some of the unique career programs available to undergraduate students through CCE. They range in diversity from exploration externships for first-year students to major career fairs with 130+ employers on campus (at each fair), including the Engineering Consortium Career Fair and the Fall and Spring Career Fairs, which cover a wide range of industries and sectors. We also host a Startup Career Fair in the spring and small group site visits to premier broadcast, publishing, arts, engineering and other organizations. CCE also offers students robust internship experiences including Columbia Experience Overseas (CEO) in Amman, Beijing, Hong Kong, London, Mumbai, Shanghai and Singapore; the Science Technology Engineering Program (STEP), the Columbia College Alumni-Sponsored Student Internship Program (CCASSIP) and internships during the spring semester in arts, start-up and civic engagement organizations in New York City. The Center also connects students with employers outside of New York with innovative online technology through our Virtual Internship Program (VIP).

CCE recommends that students begin the career search process early at Columbia. A team of career counselors is available to support your internship searches and career decision making throughout your four years on campus and beyond. Partner with a counselor and learn how to prepare for and secure internships and jobs, and make informed career decisions while at Columbia and post-graduation. With New York City and 800+ alumni volunteers adding to the rich resources available, the opportunities for experiential learning and career exploration are unlimited.

More information on all our activities and programs is available at www.careereducation.columbia.edu.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Very best wishes,

Kavita Sharma
Dean, Center for Career Education

Cover Photos (Clockwise from top): CEO Mumbai 2013 Intern Ben Harris (far right) met with Secretary of State John Kerry at the India-U.S. Higher Education Dialogue in June. CEO Beijing 2013 interns, employers, and alumni mentors pose with staff from the Columbia Global Centers, East Asia at the CEO Student, Alumni Mentor, and Employer Networking Event that took place in June. Students and employers meeting at the CCE Startup Career Fair (Susan Cook Photography).
FALL SEMESTER

Fall Career Fair
The Fall Career Fair provides students and alumni with the opportunity to meet with employers and explore career options. The Fall Career Fair covers a wide variety of industries including consulting, education, finance, retail and more.

“Finding a Job on Campus” Workshop
Want a campus job? Find out all you need to know from the Center for Career Education about our services, how to use the on-line application system and how to apply for work-study and on-campus jobs.

Career Counselor Appointment
One-on-one appointments are offered daily to students. Speak with a counselor directly about your questions and concerns related to the job/internship process.

Register with CCE on LionSHARE
LionSHARE is CCE’s full service recruiting database. The system gives students complete access to view and apply to job postings and on-campus recruiting events. Set up a job agent to be notified of opportunities in your areas of interest. Throughout the calendar year there are thousands of job and internship opportunities across all industries available for Columbia University students.

Columbia Alumni on LinkedIn and MentorNet
Create a profile on LinkedIn and join Columbia Career Connections and the Columbia Alumni Association Network to research career paths of Columbia alumni and connect with professionals.

Also, Columbia University is a member of the award-winning e-mentoring network, Mentor Net, for students interested in engineering, science, mathematics and technology. This resource connects students to professionals in industry, government and higher education.

Power Half Hours
CCE offers online and on campus workshops aimed at providing students with basic job search skills. Topics offered include interviewing; resumes and cover letters; accessing the job/internship database, LionSHARE; the job/internship search and networking.

Networking 101
This workshop will help you understand what to expect and how to prepare for networking events and career fairs. Participants will learn how to approach employers and introduce themselves and network effectively.

Internships, Externships, and First-Year Partnerships with CCE
Are you a first-year student interested in experiencing the professional world and excited to land an internship? CCE invites you to learn more about smart ways to gain skills and experiences as a first-year, including its Columbia Exploration Externship program.

Attend Quick Questions
Students have an opportunity to meet with a counselor every weekday between 1 pm and 4 pm without having an appointment. Topics for these sessions include resume and cover letter critiques, interviewing tips and industry information.

Learn about CCE’s internships and student enterprises!
CCE offers unique opportunities that allow students to explore career interests and develop key professional skills. Program interns all participate in special events and educational programming designed to help students maximize their experiences and explore a variety of careers. Programs include:

Columbia Exploration Externship (CEE)
Externship program for first-year students held in New York during Spring Break week in a variety of different industries.

Columbia Arts Experience (CAE)
Spring internships with New York-based arts organizations. Open to first-year students.

Columbia Communities in Action (CCIA)
Spring internships with civic engagement oriented organizations in New York. Open to first-year students.

Startup Internship Program (SIP)
Spring-semester internships with New York-based startup companies. Open to first-year students.

Summer CCE Network (SCCEN)
Student and alumni summer support networks for students living and/or interning in Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. Open to first-year students.

Virtual Internship Program (VIP)
Spring semester project-based, virtual internships. Open to first-year students.

Columbia Experience Overseas (CEO)
Summer internships in Amman, Beijing, Hong Kong, London, Mumbai, Shanghai and Singapore.

Columbia College Alumni-Sponsored Student Internship Program (CCASSIP)
Alumni-Sponsored summer internship program for Columbia College students across a variety of industries.

Science Technology Engineering Program (STEP)
Summer internships across the country in a variety of engineering and science disciplines.

Columbia Student Enterprises (CSE)
Three student managed agencies that foster transferable leadership and enterprise management skills.

Engineering Consortium Career Fair
The Engineering Consortium Career Fair features 130+ national and international employers from all engineering industries.
SPRING SEMESTER

Major Discovery!
With Columbia College major declaration just around the corner, stop by to get insider advice from juniors/seniors about majors, joint advising from advising deans/career counselors and much more. CCE, CC/SEAS Division of Student Affairs and CC and SEAS Offices of Alumni Affairs and Development partner to bring alumni and students together to network and share information about a variety of careers.

Professionals in Residence
Meet with a professional and a few peers at CCE in an informal setting to learn about potential career tracks, ask about interviewing and resumes and gain insider advice on how to enter or advance in the professional’s field. Representatives from the EPA, The Boeing Company, Google, U.S. Department of State and Ruder Finn have participated.

Spring Career Fair
The Spring Career Fair is an opportunity for students and alumni to meet with employers and explore careers in many industries including advertising, consulting, consumer goods, finance, marketing, media and more.

Practice Interviews
Gain a competitive edge through individual advising from alumni and CCE staff.

LinkedIn Workshops
Are you using LinkedIn to its full potential? This workshop will help you to create a strong online presence and show you how to find and make connections with alumni and other professionals in industry.

Site Visits
Broaden your horizons with visits to a wide variety of employers through CCE’s site visit program. Experience the work culture, tour the office and hear from a range of departments about their internship and job opportunities. Site visits have included:

Random House – The world’s largest general trade book publisher and a division of Bertelsmann, one of the foremost media companies in the world.
STV, Inc. – A leading, award-winning professional firm offering engineering, architectural, planning, environmental and construction management services.
Council on Foreign Relations – An independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank and publisher.
Guggenheim Museum – An internationally renowned art museum and one of the most significant architectural icons of the 20th century.

Summer Funding Opportunities
Learn how to find and apply for internship funding and about other strategies to make ends meet. The Columbia College Alumni and Parent Internship Fund, Columbia Engineering Internship Fund and the Work Exemption Program are also discussed.

Career Assessment
Are you curious about what careers match your personality and interests? Take advantage of various assessment tools to develop self and resource awareness, explore careers and generate strategies to accomplish career goals.

Columbia College Dinner and Discussion Series
The Center for Career Education has partnered with the Columbia College Alumni Association Career Education Committee to bring you this exclusive series to learn about the ins and outs of different industries. Previous dinners have included a dinner with Oscar-nominated actor/writer Dan Futterman CC ’89 and Jared Hecht CC ’09, Co-founder of GroupMe.

Media Networking Night
Talk to alumni from the full spectrum of the media industry, including print and broadcast journalism, entertainment, public relations, marketing and advertising, new media, visual arts and social media. Learn about their experiences and get insider tips for your job search.

Startup Career Fair
The CCE Startup Career Fair is focused on connecting startup firms, primarily from the NYC area, with entrepreneurially minded students at Columbia. Numerous industries will be represented including technology, sustainability, media and more. This exclusive event offers exciting opportunities for students pursuing internships as well as students and alumni pursuing full-time careers.

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2012 – 2013 | CCE AT A GLANCE

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS*

390 Events, Programs, and Workshops
11,711 Total Event Attendance
19,995 Total LionSHARE Job & Internship Postings

STUDENT, ALUMNI, AND EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT

Total 1:1 Career Counseling Interactions 7,455
Total On-campus Interviews 5,008
Total Employer Presentations 152

CC AND SEAS–UNDERGRADUATE OUTCOMES

Post-graduation Plans

58.3% Employed
20.2% Graduate School
10.4% Continuing Job Search
4.9% Taking Time Off
6.2% Not Searching or Other

n = 932

Post-graduation Base Salaries

3.3% $100,000 or more
2.1% $90,000 – $99,999
4.4% $80,000 – $89,999
20.9% $70,000 – $79,999
12.6% $60,000 – $69,999
12.4% $50,000 – $59,999
15.9% $40,000 – $49,999
13.5% $30,000 – $39,999
7.2% $20,000 – $29,999

n = 517

Top 10 Hiring Organizations

1. TEACHFORAMERICA
2. accenture
3. JP Morgan
4. citi
5. Google
6. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
7. Bank of America
8. Morgan Stanley
9. IBM
10. Microsoft

n = 29

Top 10 Company Industries

1. Financial Services – 19.1%
2. Consulting – 11.3%
3. Computers: Software – 7.9%
4. Education: K–12 – 7.8%
5. Research – 6.6%
6. Legal Services – 5.7%
7. Internet/E-Commerce – 3.2%
8. Media – 3.0%
9. Advertising/Marketing/PR – 2.8%
10. Nonprofit/NGO – 2.3%

n = 517

Top 10 Graduate Schools

1. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
2. HARVARD UNIVERSITY
3. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
4. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
5. UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
6. Yale University
7. University of Chicago
8. University of California
9. STANFORD UNIVERSITY
10. Berkeley

n = 517

2013 | GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS

Columbia College (CC) and The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science – Undergraduates (SEAS)

All numbers represent the percentage of the Columbia College and The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science undergraduate students who selected a particular response on the 2013 Graduating Student Survey. 57.5% of all CC and SEAS undergraduate students who applied for graduation in October 2012, February 2013, or May 2013 completed this year’s survey.

Noteworthy Trends:

• 78.4% of graduates are employed or going to graduate school.
• 55.7% of reported annual salary ranges are above $50,000, with 30.8% above $70,000.
• Finance, Consulting, and Computers: Software industries are the most popular for graduates who have accepted post-graduation employment.
• Columbia University is the most popular destination for graduate school.

www.careereducation.columbia.edu/students/data/2013
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QUICK QUESTIONS

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