

SUMMER 2027

Outset at Columbia



Outset



We're so excited to welcome students to Columbia for Outset 2027 Summer Programs!

Columbia University sits in the heart of New York City - one of the most iconic cities in the world and a global hub for medicine, research, and innovation.

As one of the nation's top universities, Columbia offers an inspiring home base for students beginning their exploration of healthcare careers.

Outside of class, Outset staff supervises students as they explore iconic New York neighborhoods, get comfortable navigating the subway, and experience the balance of college life and city life that makes Columbia unique.

During Outset programs, students live in Columbia residence halls, learn in on-campus classrooms, and take part in hands-on training with medical professionals at a simulation center.

Apply Now

Programs

Program dates and availability are subject to change - please reach out to our Admissions team to confirm there are still spots available in your desired dates.

Programs at Columbia

General Medicine

General Surgery

Cardiology

Orthopedic Surgery

Pediatrics

Emergency Medicine

Anesthesiology

Psychiatry

Neurosurgery **NEW**

Dermatology **NEW**

Oncology **NEW**

Cost: Tuition for Outset Columbia programs is \$3195.
Ages: Outset is for current 9th-12th graders.

[See all Programs](#)



Below is an **example** of what a day at Outset Columbia looks like. Every summer we tailor activities to each campus, blending labs, workshops, and evening events that bring the program to life.

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| 8:00 – 8:45 AM | Grab a healthy breakfast in Columbia dining halls with other students |
| 9:00 – 9:45 AM | Kick off the day mapping your journey, from choosing the right school to mastering the MCAT |
| 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Get a look at the road ahead, from costs and timelines to what life as a med student looks like |
| 11:00 – 11:45 AM | Discover smart strategies to crush tough classes, balance extracurricular priorities, and stand out when it counts |
| 12:00 – 2:30 PM | Enjoy a meal at Columbia dining hall, then staff-led activities around campus and NYC |
| 2:30 – 5:00 PM | Depending on the day, students either head to the simulation lab for hands-on clinical skills learning with physician instructors or attend lectures with guest physicians and speakers on healthcare in action |
| 5:00 – 7:30 PM | Dinner out and about in the city - pizza crawl is always a hit! |
| 7:30 – 9:30 PM | Evening activities led by our staff - from exploring SoHo to Central Park and more |
| 9:30 – 10:45 PM | Hang out, games, shower, and relax in your dorm before lights out at 10:45 PM. |

Meet the Outset Columbia team

Program Leadership

Our leadership team combines experience in pre-med education and student programming to create a hands-on, inspiring experience for future healthcare leaders.



Lawson Kuehnert
Executive Director



Fiona Stanton
Columbia
Camp Director



Liam Smith
Operations Director



Annie Schools
Head of Admissions



Allison Dwyer
Director of Admissions



Lydia Kuehnert
Admissions Operations

Admissions Team Leadership

Our Admissions team guides families through every step of enrollment, helping students find the program that sparks their curiosity and fits their goals. You will be paired with an Admissions rep from our broader team after submitting your application.

Faculty & Physicians

We hire faculty, residents, fellows, and physicians to lead our sessions & share career insights. These teachers are finalized a few weeks before your camp.



More on Our Team

FAQs

Admissions deadline & process?

There is no deadline! We have rolling Admissions and a simple 4-step Admissions process. Learn more about how it works by **clicking here**.

What is the cost?

Tuition and housing for Columbia programs is \$3195, including 24/7 staff, dorms, meals, 20+ hours of academics, speakers, evening activities, and activity transport. Travel to and from campus is not included.

Is there financial aid?

Yes, if you need financial aid please indicate this on your online application and fill out the aid information. We are not able to guarantee aid but we do take every aid request seriously.

How do I apply? How competitive is it?

Applying online is easy: **click here**. You'll hear from us within 2 business days. Outset is competitive and we look for motivated students with strong grades and a genuine interest in medicine or healthcare.

Are students supervised 24/7?

Outset maintains an 8:1 student-to-staff ratio, with ACA-trained staff providing 24/7 supervision. Our programs meet strict safety standards, and campuses are monitored to ensure students are safe at all times.

What are rooms and housing like?

Outset partners with college residence halls/dorms. Rooms are shared with 1–2 students of the same gender & bathrooms are shared with the hall. Single rooms are available (\$400-\$500 for the week).

See all FAQs

"Great Experience – My daughter attended the UNC Orthopedics Outset program and had a great experience! She came home with a much more thorough understanding of the path to a career in medicine and is excited for her future ...



by Melinda

Rated 4.7 / 5 | 105 reviews



Hear from Alumni

Students from across the country join Outset programs to explore, create, and grow. They leave inspired, with new skills, lasting friendships, and memories that stay with them long after the program ends.



Trusted by Parents

Parents trust Outset to provide safe, engaging, and enriching experiences for their children. Our programs combine expert guidance with hands-on learning, giving families confidence in every adventure.

"Best week EVER – I LOVED this experience at UNC-CH in the field of pediatrics! Each experience was designed to help focus our vocation, create supportive relationships, and explore the wide scope of professions within ...



by Christine Burkett

Rated 4.7 / 5 | 105 reviews



The Outset Difference

We turn curiosity into action with hands-on learning, inspiring mentors, and experiences that bring the medical world to life.



Friendships and fun



Outset students don't just learn together - they share a fun, social week exploring Columbia's campus and New York City in a safe, supervised setting.

Evenings often include relaxed activities such as pizza outings, boba stops, movie nights, walks to local parks, and visits to close-by neighborhoods like Morningside Heights, SoHo, or exploring Central Park. These shared moments help students get to know the city and build friendships with peers who share their interest in medicine and Columbia.

Back in the residence halls, students enjoy card games, small-group hangouts, and other low-key activities led by staff. Many students say these simple, comfortable evenings are where their closest friendships form. In the on-campus residence halls, dorm rooms all have AC and bathrooms are shared by the hall.

All activities are supervised by trained, 24/7 residential staff, ensuring students have a safe, supportive environment to try new things, build connections, and enjoy their week at Columbia.

For Parents: Learn More



Ready for your week
at Outset Columbia?

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