

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE ADMISSION DEFERRAL
CONTRACT
for
LEAD FUNDING GRANT RECIPIENTS
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Columbia Law School Leadership Experience Admission Deferral (LEAD) Fellowship Program is a special admissions program pursuant to which qualified applicants are admitted to Columbia Law School following their junior or senior year of college with the understanding that they will defer matriculation for two years after graduating from college. It is further understood that during this two-year gap period, some applicants admitted via the LEAD Fellowship Program will engage in, in addition to any employment opportunities or graduate studies they may be pursuing, an undertaking or activity consistent with the Project Plan they submitted in connection with their application to the Law School. In certain instances, these applicants may be awarded a funding grant in an amount up to \$10,000 to enable them to advance their proposed LEAD undertaking. As an applicant who was admitted and who accepted an offer of admission to Columbia Law School via the LEAD Fellowship Program and additionally was awarded a LEAD Funding Grant, you acknowledge and agree to the following:

- (i) ***the LEAD Program is a binding program*** and, as such, upon acceptance of their offer of admission as a LEAD Fellow, candidates commit themselves to matriculate at Columbia Law School at the conclusion of their two-year mandatory gap;
- (ii) ***LEAD Fellows shall diligently pursue their LEAD undertakings*** over the course of their mandatory two-year gap period in accordance with their approved Project Plan;
- (iii) ***LEAD Fellows shall periodically report on the status of their LEAD undertaking*** by providing written progress reports to the Law School's Office of Admissions on a quarterly basis beginning with the quarter ending on December 31 of the year in which the Fellow graduated from college, such report to be provided within 30 days of the relevant quarter's conclusion;
- (iv) ***A LEAD Fellowship Program offer of admission may be rescinded*** for any of the following reasons:
 - (a) the failure of the LEAD Fellow to diligently pursue and report on his or her LEAD undertaking in accordance with his or her Project Plan and the terms of this Contract;
 - (b) the LEAD Fellow applies to other law schools following his or her acceptance of admission to the Law School via the LEAD Program, or applies to other graduate programs that cannot be pursued or completed in a manner consistent with the LEAD Fellow's commitment to matriculate at the Law School at the conclusion of his or her two-year gap period;

- (c) misuse of the funding grant / use of the funding grant other than as contemplated in the LEAD Fellow's Project Plan; and/or
 - (d) any of the grounds for withdrawal or rescission of an offer of admission set forth in the LEAD Fellowship Program Application submitted by the LEAD Fellow; and
 - (v) ***A LEAD funding grant must be repaid in full*** in accordance with the terms of the grant in the event that:
 - (a) the LEAD Fellow fails to matriculate at the Law School at the end of his or her two-year gap period and thereafter remain enrolled in good standing at the Law School at least until the completion of the fall semester of his or her 1L year; **or**
 - (b) the LEAD Fellow's offer of admission via the LEAD Fellowship Program has been rescinded in accordance with the preceding paragraph (iv).
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CERTIFICATION

I have read the above contract and understand and agree to be bound by the stated policies and practices that govern the Columbia Law School LEAD Fellowship Program. I hereby accept my offer of admission to Columbia Law School as a LEAD Fellow and agree and attest as follows: I will not apply to any other law school and I will matriculate at Columbia Law School following the completion of the mandatory two-year gap period upon which my acceptance and admission is conditioned. During this two-year gap period, I will diligently pursue an undertaking in accordance with the Project Plan submitted with my LEAD Fellowship Program Application and will periodically report on the same as contemplated herein. I understand that my failure to do so may result in the rescission of my offer of admission to Columbia Law School. Moreover, I understand that I am obligated to repay my LEAD funding grant *in full* should I fail to matriculate and remain enrolled at Columbia Law School as contemplated herein or if my offer of admission is rescinded.

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Signature /s/ _____
(YOUR FULL NAME)

Date: ____/____/____

LSAC Account Number: L _____
