

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE ADMISSION DEFERRAL  
CONTRACT  
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, applicants admitted via the LEAD Fellowship Program will pursue meaningful activities consistent with the Deferral Plan they submitted in connection with their application to the Law School. Applicants admitted via the LEAD Fellowship Program who accept their offer of admission further 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 the activities and undertakings set forth in their Deferral Plan*** over the course of their mandatory two-year gap;
  - (iii) ***LEAD Fellows shall periodically report on the status of their LEAD undertaking*** by providing brief written updates to the Law School's Office of Admissions on a semi-annual basis beginning in January following the year in which the Fellow was admitted to the LEAD Program;
  - (iv) ***A LEAD Fellowship Program offer of admission may be rescinded*** for any of the following reasons: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 gap-period undertaking in accordance with his or her Deferral Plan and the terms of this Contract;
    - (b) the LEAD Fellow applies to other law schools following his or her acceptance of an offer 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; and/or
    - (c) any of the grounds for withdrawal or rescission of an offer of admission set forth in the LEAD Fellowship Program Application submitted by the applicant.
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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 Deferral 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.

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Signature /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
(YOUR FULL NAME)

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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