



LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE ADMISSION DEFERRAL

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM CONTRACT

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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 deferral 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.

The undersigned, [(*Your Name*)], has been admitted to the LEAD Program as a LEAD Fellow via a Decision Letter dated _____ and has timely decided to accept the offer of admission by signing and returning the LEAD Program Response Form accompanying said Decision Letter, along with this duly executed LEAD Contract.

Accordingly, I, [(*Your Name*)], the undersigned, further acknowledge and agree to the following:

- (i) ***The LEAD Program is a binding program*** and, as such, I commit to matriculate at Columbia Law School at the conclusion of my two-year mandatory deferral period;
- (ii) ***I have withdrawn any pending applications to other law schools*** and will not initiate a new application to other law schools and, further, I shall withdraw all pending applications to graduate programs that cannot be pursued or completed in a manner consistent with my commitment to matriculate at Columbia Law School at the conclusion of my two-year deferral period;
- (iii) ***As a LEAD Fellow, I shall diligently pursue the activities and undertakings set forth in my Deferral Plan*** (i.e., my deferral plans as described in my LEAD Application essays or as subsequently modified with the express consent of the Columbia Law School Office of Admissions) over the course of my mandatory two-year deferral period;
- (iv) ***As a LEAD Fellow, I shall periodically report on the status and progress of my LEAD Deferral Plan undertakings and endeavors*** by providing written reports to the Law School's Office of Admissions (Attn: Victoria Ng) on a semi-annual basis beginning in January [20xx];
- (v) ***I understand that my LEAD Fellowship Program offer of admission may be rescinded*** for any of the following reasons:
 - (a) my failure to diligently pursue and report on my deferral-period undertaking in accordance with my Deferral Plan and the terms of this Contract;
 - (b) my submission of an application to one or more other law schools following this acceptance of my offer of admission to Columbia Law School via the LEAD Program, or my submission of any

