**FIVE-YEAR JOINT BACHELOR/MASTER PROGRAM**

SIPA’s Five-Year Joint Bachelor/Master Program is an accelerated joint degree program that allows accepted students from Columbia College, Columbia’s School of Engineering, Columbia’s College of General Studies, or Barnard College to earn a BA or BS and MPA or MIA in five years. The program, which admits academically and experientially advanced Columbia University undergraduates, is designed for students who are passionate about global public policy and have demonstrated depth and proficiency in public administration, foreign service and/or international relations.

**Application Requirements**

Successful applicants are committed to pursuing careers in public administration or international policy, have the expertise to work with experienced practitioners in the classroom, and demonstrate the capacity to excel in an academically rigorous graduate program (demonstrated proficiency in economics, modern languages, political science, statistics, and calculus is essential). Additionally, the following are requirements prospective five-year program students must meet:

- Applicants will have completed most of their major requirements at the end of junior year. Most graduate level courses completed as an undergraduate may be applied toward the 54 credits required for the MIA/MPA degree up to a total of 24 credits of advanced standing.
- Applicants must consult with the Dean’s Office of the applicant’s college to obtain their approval regarding eligibility and obtain a letter from their current academic advisor stating they are on track to complete their bachelor requirements within a year of being admitted to the program. **NOTE: All students who are admitted to the five-year program MUST have their bachelor degree conferred prior to their first semester in residency at SIPA.**

**SIPA Assistantships and Scholarships**

Five Year students may apply for merit-based Assistantships and Scholarships after completing at least one semester of study at Columbia – the Fall semester of their fourth year - but cannot receive an award until they are in residence at SIPA. To be eligible for these awards, students must have at least a 3.4 GPA. **Note:** Funding during your year in residency at SIPA is NOT guaranteed upon admission to the program. When applying, students should have a plan to fund their fifth year of study without a fellowship/scholarship guarantee.

The SIPA Assistantship and Scholarship applications are available on-line in January and applications are due at the end of February for the next academic year’s awards.

**Visiting SIPA**

Prospective students are encouraged to attend a SIPA information session offered during the academic year. You can obtain information about visiting SIPA and the dates and locations of upcoming SIPA information sessions online at: [http://new.sipa.columbia.edu/admissions/preparing-to-apply/visit-sipa](http://new.sipa.columbia.edu/admissions/preparing-to-apply/visit-sipa). General information about SIPA can be accessed online at: [http://new.sipa.columbia.edu/](http://new.sipa.columbia.edu/).

**How to Apply**

Applicants for the five-year program are not required to take the GRE or pay the application fee, nor are successful applicants required to pay the SIPA deposit fee. The application deadline for Fall 2015 is January 5th, 2015. Begin the application process online at: [https://apply.sipa.columbia.edu/apply/](https://apply.sipa.columbia.edu/apply/).