

Columbia University Undergraduate Application

Question & Answer:

Please tell us how you first became interested in Columbia and what you find most appealing about the school.

Columbia was etched indelible in my mind in 1994 through an introduction to *The Dharma Bums* by Jack Kerouac, it was here that he met Cassady, Ginsberg, and Burroughs. In 1998, I stood in icy white sunshine, struck by the magnificent Butler Library, carved with Homer, Sophocles, and Vergil, masters whose wisdom has inspired for centuries. The myriad cultures, languages, tastes, and smells of the great city lapped at the wrought iron gates, splashing up, alluring, offerings thousand years more of wisdom and insight.