

THE NEW SCHOOL HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

"Dedication is the key; dedication to yourself and your dreams. HEOP is committed to helping you realize those dreams. Dedication and HEOP have proven to be a winning combination"

-Javier Villanueva, HEOP student

The Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) reaches out to undergraduate students pursuing degrees at Parsons The New School for Design and Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts.

Parsons The New School for Design is a pioneer in its field. Parsons unique approach explores relationships between design, society, culture and technology. In addition, it provides students with a rigorous professional education. Classes are taught by faculty members who are established artists and designers and representative of the cultural diversity of New York City. HEOP Students are enrolled in programs granting the professional Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Majors include: *Architectural Design, Communication Design, Fashion Design, Fine Arts, Illustration, Interior Design, Photography, Product Design, Design and Technology and Wireless.*

Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts is a small, interdisciplinary liberal arts college, which focuses primarily on the humanities and social sciences. Lang welcomes students who are driven to ask questions, to make their own choices and to assume personal responsibility for their education. Students discuss issues in small seminar classes of about 15 students. Writing and in-class discussion are the primary mediums of discourse and individual programs are enriched by internships and study abroad. Traditional disciplines such as Psychology, English, Sociology, Economics, Science and Creative Writing are embedded in Lang's interdisciplinary concentrations: *Social and Historical Inquiry, Literature, Writing, and the Arts, Cultural Studies, Mind, Nature, Value and Urban Studies.*

HEOP provides academic support and financial assistance to students who do not meet traditional admissions criteria, but show promise for mastering college-level work. Students accepted to Parsons or Lang through HEOP receive the following services, provided to help students attain individual success:

PRE-FRESHMAN SUMMER: All students admitted to the program participate in an intense six week summer program as preparation for the academic and/or fine arts challenges they will encounter during the freshman year. Studio and liberal arts courses, counseling and workshops help students begin to prepare for and anticipate these demands. Upperclassmen serve as mentors to the incoming class and help to structure students' summer experience. Various enrichment activities take place throughout the summer to add balance to the academic load.

TUTORING: Tutoring, a proven aid to academic success, is available for all students. Sessions take place in group and individual formats and are available from the college, department, or directly through the HEOP office. Freshmen and students experiencing academic difficulty are required to attend regular tutoring sessions.

COUNSELING: All students receive personalized, one-on-one academic and career counseling. Counseling sessions help students explore avenues for growth within the University, identify individual strength and ensure a healthy adjustment to college-level work. Students also receive ongoing support and guidance in making decisions about their major, internship opportunities, financial aid, post-graduate study or work, or other topics. In addition, group workshops are held monthly to develop study skills and share strategies for academic achievement.

FINANCIAL AID: Students are provided with full need financial aid packages designed to meet the cost of education through a combination of grants, loans and work. In addition, students receive a stipend for books, supplies, commuting costs and other school related expenses.

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ELIGIBILITY:

In order to be eligible for admission to the HEOP program at The New School, you must meet *all* of these requirements:

- Show proof of residency in New York state as determined by the Higher Education Services Corporation and have had no previous college experience (unless through a similar opportunity program: EOP, SEEK, or CD)
- Be educationally disadvantaged; an educationally disadvantaged student is one who would not normally be accepted under the university's admission standards for matriculated status in a degree program of study.
- Be economically disadvantaged; economic eligibility guidelines for family income are established by the State Education Department, and are listed below.
- Possess a high school diploma or GED.

Transfers: You are an eligible transfer student if you have been enrolled in a similar opportunity program: EOP, SEEK or CD.

INCOME GUIDELINES:

Number in Household	Total Annual Income in Previous Calendar Year
1	\$14,100
2	19,600
3	22,350
4	27,800
5	32,850
6	38,550
7	42,900
8	47,250
9	51,600
10	55,950
11	60,300*

**Add \$4350 for each additional family member in excess of 11*

- A household supported solely by one member thereof who works for two or more employers with a total annual income which does not exceed the applicable amount set forth in the previous table by more than **\$1800**.
- A household supported by more than one **worker** (parents if dependent, student and spouse if independent) in which the total annual income does not exceed the applicable amount listed in the table below by more than **\$4800**.
- A household supported by one **worker** (parent of dependent, student if independent) who is the sole support of a one-parent family in which the total annual income does not exceed the applicable amount listed in the above table by more than **\$4800**.
- References to the economic guidelines need not be made if one of the following is true for the student:
 - You or your family is the recipient of payments through a NYS County Department of Social Services.
 - You are living with foster parents who do not provide support for college and no monies are provided from natural parents.
 - You are a ward of the state or county.

HOW TO APPLY! (first-time college matriculants are invited for the Fall semester only.)

1. Submit an admissions application with Parsons or Eugene Lang College. Follow the instructions carefully. Indicate on the application that you would like to be considered for HEOP.
2. File the supplemental HEOP admissions form.
3. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1st as possible. The deadline for filing is March 1st. Ask that your information be forwarded to the college to which you are applying by using the New School Title IV code: 002780

For further information, contact the New School HEOP office at .212.229.8996 or via email at heop@newschool.edu