The Bridge Program provides a two-year intensive research, academic, and mentoring experience for underrepresented scholars interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in a STEM discipline.

**Application Timeline**
- Application deadline: Feb. 15, 2021
- Acceptance notification: Jun. 2021
- Program's start: Aug. 2021

**Application Components**
- Cover letter
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Statement of intent
- Official transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation

**Program Eligibility**
Bridge scholars must have:
- A four-year degree from an accredited college or university
- A minimum GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale
- A desire to apply to Ph.D. programs after completing the Bridge Program
- U.S. citizenship or permanent residence status

**STEM Disciplines**
The Bridge Program accepts applications from students interested in the following disciplines:
- Astronomy
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Earth & Environmental Sciences
- Economics
- Engineering*
- Physics
- Psychology

*Engineering disciplines include applied physics & applied mathematics, biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer science, earth & environmental engineering, industrial engineering & operations research, and mechanical engineering.

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Sign up for an information session.
BRIDGE TO THE PH.D. PROGRAM IN STEM

10 - 12
Participants per cohort

$40,600*
Yearly salary
*Economics scholars will receive $50,123 in salary.

1 - 2
Undergraduate and/or graduate courses per semester

~88%
Graduate school acceptance rate

Two Years in the Life of a Bridge Scholar

Dec - Feb
Applications open

May - Jun
Interviews
Cohort selection

Jun - Aug
PL matching
Hiring

Aug - May
Research/coursework
Bridge events
Monthly meetings

Jun - Jul
Complete research
Symposium
“Graduation”

Jan - May
Research/coursework
Bridge events
Monthly meetings

Aug - Dec
Research/coursework
Graduate applications
Bridge events
Monthly meetings

Bridge Program's Perks
- Two-year STEM research experience
- Academic & professional development
- Individual advising for graduate school preparation
- General GRE Test preparation
- $1500 education stipend

Any Questions?
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