Sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement, Columbia Engineering and the Department of Economics, the Bridge Program provides a two-year intensive research, academic, and mentoring experience for underrepresented scholars interested in pursuing graduate studies in STEM disciplines.

**Application Timeline**

- Application deadline: March 13, 2020
- Acceptance offers: May 2020
- Program start: August 2020

**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
- Legal authorization to work in the U.S. for the full duration of the program

**STEM Disciplines**

The Bridge Program accepts applications from students interested in the following disciplines:

- Astronomy
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Earth & Environmental Science
- 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.
Bridge Program's Perks

- Two-year STEM research experience
- Academic & professional development
- Monthly individual advising for graduate school preparation
- General GRE Test preparation
- $1500 education stipend ($2000 for scholars in the Dept. of Economics)

Any Questions?
Complete our inquiry form

Life Cycle of the Bridge Program

Dec - Mar
Applications Open

Apr - May
Interviews
Cohort Selection

May - Aug
PI matching
Hiring
Onboarding

Aug - May
Research
Coursework
Bridge Events
Monthly Meetings

Jun - Jul
Finish Research
Symposium
"Graduation"

Jan - May
Research
Coursework
Bridge Events
Monthly Meetings

Aug - Dec
Research
Coursework
Graduate Applications
Bridge Events
Monthly Meetings

$40,600*
Yearly Salary
*Economics scholars will receive $51,125 in salary

1 - 2*
Courses Per Semester
*undergraduate and/or graduate courses

10 - 12
Participants per cohort

~88%
Graduate School Acceptance Rate