Sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement and Columbia Engineering, 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: February
- Acceptance notification: May
- Program start: August

**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.

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**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

**Any Questions?**
Complete our inquiry form

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**Life Cycle of the Bridge Program**

- **Dec - Feb**
  - 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

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**Participants per cohort**
10 - 12

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

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

**Graduate School Acceptance Rate**
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