



BRIDGES Student Application

Personal Information

Full Name _____ Complete Date of Birth _____

Student I.D. No. _____ Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number _____

Home Address _____
Street, City, State, Zip Code

Email Address _____

Home Telephone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Citizenship/Permanent Resident

(Program participants **MUST BE** Citizens, Citizen Nationals or Permanent Residents)

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am (please initial one of the following):

____ A citizen of the United States

____ A noncitizen national of the United States (Persons born in American Samoa, certain former citizens of former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and certain children of noncitizen nationals born abroad)

____ Permanent U.S. Resident _____
Please provide ID No.

Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Filipino

Other Asian

African/Black American

Latino

Vietnamese

Chicano (Mexican American)

Pacific Islander

_____ Other

Graduate Applicant Enrollment Status

CSUN Application Date Applied/Date Accepted _____

Graduate Program Date Applied/Date Accepted _____ Major Research Focus _____

Bridges to the Doctorate Research Training program

Previous Education

Undergraduate (BA/BS) Degree _____

Institution _____

Major/Option _____

Degree Conferred/Date _____

Overall GPA _____ Major GPA _____ Science GPA _____

Long Term Professional Goals:

Testing Information – Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

General (highest score) _____
Date Taken _____ Scores: Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Analytical _____

Subject (highest score) _____
Date Taken/ Scores _____

Program Participant - Do you currently participate in or have you participated in any of the following programs?
(Y/N) Include dates of participation. Provide details on separate page as needed.

_____ LSAMP _____ BUILD _____ MARC U*STAR
_____ MEP _____ MAS _____ Other Federally Funded Program
_____ RISE _____ College Honors _____ State or University Funded Program

Other (explain: _____)

Were you PELL eligible as an undergraduate? Yes No

Are you registered with DRES office at CSUN? Yes No Prefer not to answer

Parent's educational Level: Please check

Mother: Did not complete HS Finished HS Some College BA/BS MS/MA Ph.D. MD
Other Professional Degree _____

Father: Did not complete HS Finished HS Some College BA/BS MS/MA Ph.D. MD
Other Professional Degree _____

Are you a current member or participant in any CSUN sports activities? Yes No
If so please name _____

Are you a current member or participant in any CSUN music or theatre arts activities? Yes No
If so please name _____

Are you currently involved in any off-campus or on-campus research or volunteer activities? Yes No
Please describe. _____

Bridges to the Doctorate Research Training program

The Bridges to the Ph.D. program prepares graduate students interested in a career in basic biomedical research to become competitive applicants for Ph.D. programs and to earn a Ph.D. We would like to know about your relevant interests and experiences. Please keep this in mind as you provide the following information in essays below. There are four essay prompts please respond to each of them individually. Please respond succinctly to them.

Essay Section. You **must** have been accepted into at Graduate program at CSUN before submitting an application to this program. (Please attach the documents requested and your responses to following prompts to your application.)

1. Please attach your Statement of Purpose.
2. Please attach your acceptance letter from your CSUN MA/MS department.
3. How will your involvement in this program increase/or to improve participation of marginalized or historically underrepresented groups in basic biomedical research?
4. Describe any personal attributes, abilities, or work experiences that you would like us to include in our consideration of your application.
5. Why do want to earn an advanced degree beyond the MA or MS?
6. If your grades do not reflect your academic potential, please explain.

Attach a copy of your **all transcripts all colleges** that you have attended.

Letters of Recommendation

Please submit two letters of recommendation using the attached forms. Please select referees that know you academically or professionally. List the two people whom you have requested to send forms or letters. Please include their email address and phone number.

1. _____ Email _____ Phone _____

2. _____ Email _____ Phone _____

I understand that the BRIDGES program is funded to support graduate students interested in careers in basic biomedical research. If I am seeking a medical degree or clinical degree, I will not apply. I further understand that my personal commitment to the program is: a minimum of 20 hours per week during the calendar year. If I cannot meet this commitment I will notify the program office immediately. I will participate in all Bridges to the Ph.D. workshops, seminars and training sessions. I will also notify the Program Director as soon as my career goals change from pursuing a research degree (Ph.D.), and I will forfeit my fellowship or support.

If accepted into the program, I agree to provide professional and educational updates to the program for at least 15 years.

I know I must be a US Citizen, Citizen National or Permanent Resident to participate in the Bridges to the Ph.D. program. Non-Citizens and individuals who are not permanent residents are not eligible to participate in the Bridges to the Ph.D. program.

Print Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Selection is based on eligibility requirements, academic merit, potential for success in graduate (Ph.D.) programs, prior research experience and the strength of your essays. Submit application to:

U-RISE and Bridges to the Ph.D. Programs
csunmore@csun.edu

Thank you for your application. **Be sure** to include the following:

1. **Application**
2. **Statement of Purpose, letter of acceptance into MA/MS program and essays**
3. **College Transcript(s)**
4. **Report of GRE SCORES (if taken)**
5. **NIH Diversity Statement**

Please have your confidential letters of recommendation sent to email address given above.

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NIH Diversity Statement

Please read the information in the following link:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-031.html>

Using the parameters given in the NIH's Statement on Diversity, please let us know how you fit within the description of underrepresented in basic Biomedical research as defined by the NIH. Check all that apply.

- A. Individuals from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown by the National Science Foundation to be underrepresented in health-related sciences on a national basis (see data at <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/showpub.cfm?TopID=2&SubID=27>) and the report [Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering](#)).
- B. Individuals with disabilities, who are defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, as described in the [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended](#). See NSF data at, <https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/2017/nsf17310/static/data/tab7-5.pdf>.
- C. Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds
- D. Women from the above backgrounds (categories A, B, and C)