

The Bridge Scholars Program is a year-long Residential Learning Community and is your chance to get a head start on college. The Bridge Scholars Program (BSP) begins with an intensive five-week summer program and is designed to assist students in transitioning from high school to college and help build a strong academic foundation. The program concludes the following spring with a closing ceremony. During the year, BSP participants attend a variety of programs and activities designed to support their success and further their growth. Students who pass the summer semester with a grade of C or better in all classes, complete BSP summer participation requirements and maintain a clear judicial record earn full admission to Georgia College for the fall.

Successful completion of the summer program is a condition of admission to Georgia College for all students in the program and will determine enrollment for the fall 2020 semester.

The Bridge Scholars Program will help you:

- Get a jump start on college by earning seven academic credits
- Develop successful strategies for handling the demands of college life and academics
- Study and learn with other BSP members and make new friends

Following the required on-campus interview, admission decisions will be released on Jan 31 and Mar 13 and will continue on a rolling basis until program is full. Enrollment is limited to approximately 125 students. Students are notified of their admission status within two weeks of the interview. Decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

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Georgia College, the state's designated Public Liberal Arts University, combines the educational experience expected at esteemed private liberal arts colleges with the affordability of public higher education.



Think Independently. Lead Creatively.

Getting Started

Important Information

RESIDENTIAL COMPONENT

The Bridge Scholars Program is a year-long Residential Learning Community (RLC). A RLC is a residentially based group of students who choose to live among others with similar interests. RLCs are designed to bridge the gap between learning inside and outside of the classroom. Participants will have programs designed exclusively for them throughout the academic year and attendance is required. BSP programming takes scheduling precedence over other events except for class. Activities are designed to provide participants with experiences that will be beneficial to their personal and academic development while at GC. Participants in the BSP will live at The Village at West Campus. Shuttles will provide transportation to and from main campus and ample parking is provided just outside the apartment building. Staffing in the apartment building will include Community Advisors (CAs) who work in University Housing, and Peer Mentors, who were past participants in the BSP. These are experienced students who are trained to assist residents with the various transition issues that first year students face and help to engage students in the total college experience.

PROGRAMS

A series of programs and activities will be offered exclusively for the BSP participants during their first year. Activities may include team building, socials, study skills workshops, stress management sessions, meals with faculty members and community service projects. The \$300 program fee will cover the cost for all program activities. Attendance at BSP events is required as part of the year-long RLC commitment.

ABOUT GEORGIA COLLEGE

As Georgia's public liberal arts university, GC offers a challenging array of more than 36 undergraduate degree programs and 25 masters programs. GC has been ranked 10th in "Top Public Schools" in the regional South by U.S. News & World Report and was chosen as a "Best in the Southeast" by The Princeton Review. The university was also previously named one of the 100 Best Values in Public Colleges in the country by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Session:

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| BSP orientation and move-in | June 13, 2020 |
| Teambuilding and opening social programs..... | June 14, 2020 |
| Classes..... | June 15-July 14, 2020 |
| Holiday break (no classes and students may return home) | July 3-6, 2020 |
| Final exams..... | July 15-16, 2020 |
| Closing programs | July 18, 2020 |
| *Apartment check-out | July 19, 2020 |

**Please note that students will be allowed to leave belongings in their apartments until they return for the fall semester in August.*

CREDIT AND COURSES

The BSP staff will enroll students for seven credit hours during the summer session. All students will be required to take GCSU 1010: Student Success Seminar, which focuses on building academic and life skills necessary for success in the college environment. In addition to GCSU 1010, students will be registered for two courses that are part of the core curriculum at GC. Potential courses include:

- GC1Y Critical Thinking
- Theatrical Heritage
- Human Geography
- Fine and Applied Arts in Civilization
- Music and Civilization

SUPPORT

The BSP is proud to offer a supplemental instruction resource center exclusively for BSP participants in The Village at West Campus over the summer. Bridge Scholars also benefit from peer mentoring and community assistant relationships. Faculty are selected in part based on their willingness to be involved and supportive of BSP students outside of the classroom.

The estimated cost for the summer session of the BSP is outlined below:

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| Program Fee | \$300 |
| <i>(one-time annual fee, non-refundable)</i> | |
| Tuition | \$1,708 |
| <i>(in-state)</i> | |
| Student Fees | \$1,011 |
| Housing Deposit | \$235 |
| <i>(due by May 1, 2020 or a \$50 late fee will be applied)</i> | |
| Housing | \$887 |
| <i>(4-person apartment)</i> | |
| Meals | \$224 |
| <i>(25 Block Meal Plan)</i> | |

Total \$4,365

Please note that these are estimated costs only and subject to change. Final costs are based on state budgets determined by decisions of the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia.

FINANCIAL AID

Students must complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application in order to apply for federal and state aid programs for Summer semester 2020. Eligibility for federal financial aid programs will be determined based on this FAFSA, which includes grants and student loans as well as Georgia's HOPE Scholarship program. Students should also complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA in order to apply for financial aid for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters. If the student is only interested in receiving the HOPE Scholarship, an alternative application (GSFAPPS) may be completed at www.GAfutures.org. For more information, visit www.gcsu.edu/financialaid or contact the GC Office of Financial Aid at 478-445-5149 or financialaid@gcsu.edu.

Financial Aid Available



“It was not only the best choice I could have made; it was the best summer of my life.”



“I told myself that if I could do what I did academically this summer, then I'm prepared to tackle anything that came my way during the fall semester.”