

# SI Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program

SIU Carbondale | John A. Logan College | Shawnee Community College

## What is the SI Bridges to the Baccalaureate?

The Southern Illinois Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program (SI Bridges) is a National Institutes of Health (NIH) program that provides services and opportunities for underserved community college students to complete the associate degree and transfer to SIU Carbondale to finish a baccalaureate degree. The training is in *biomedical and behavioral science (BBS) research*, and is not intended to support students interested in pursuing a professional degree in health sciences such as a Medical or Dental Degree. Participation in this program is completely voluntary and a participant may withdraw at any time without repercussions.

## What are the benefits?

SI Bridges students will participate in a two-year program that offers:

- **Paid** professional training through seminars, innovative courses, and authentic research experiences.
- Strong multi-faceted mentoring, academic advising, tutoring and counseling.
- Professional development activities that include enhancement of communication and academic skills, success strategies, career planning, and exposure to biomedical and behavioral science disciplines.

## Are you eligible?

You are eligible to apply if you meet the following qualifications:

- You are a US citizen or US permanent resident
- Meet **one** or more of the following eligibility criteria
  - A. You are a first-generation college student because neither of your parents has a bachelor's degree.
  - B. You have a demonstrated financial need on the HHS income levels (based on FAFSA).
  - C. You have a documented physical or mental disability.
  - D. You are a member of an underrepresented minority group (African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American/Alaska Native or Pacific Islander)
- Will transfer to preferably Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) or any 4-year university to complete the Baccalaureate.
- Are a full-time student (minimum of 12 hours) enrolled in a BBS degree program.
- Have completed one year of community college by the time of acceptance to SI Bridges.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.7 at the college level.
- Have a career interest in biomedical or behavioral sciences.
- Are available to participate in all program activities for two complete years as follows.

### Year 1- While at Community College

**Fa1**— Application and Selection of Scholars

**Sp1**— Connecting Life Course- 4 hrs per week

**Total Earned:** \$920 (\$10 x 4 hrs/wk over 23 weeks)

**Su1**— Summer Research Institute- 37.5 hrs per week

**Total Earned:** \$4500 (\$10 x 37.5 hrs/wk over 12 weeks)

### Year 2- Transferred to SIUC

**Fa2**— Reasoning to Research & STEM Research

**Total Earned:** \$1950 (\$10 x13 hrs/wk 15 weeks)

**Sp2**— STEM Research 10 hrs per week

**Total Earned:** \$1500 (\$10 x 10 hrs/wk over 15 weeks)

**Su2**— Summer Research Institute 37.5 hrs/week

**Total Earned:** \$3,750 (\$10 x 37.5 hrs/wk over 10 weeks)

## What is the application process?

1. Submit completed application and required materials by the deadline.
2. Selection committee will review applicant information and make recommendations.
3. Interviews will be conducted with qualified applicants.
4. Selection of three cohorts will be completed in Fall 2019, 2021, and 2023.

# Section I: Personal Information

1. **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Name

2. **Home Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Zip

3. **Contact Information:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Home  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email

4. **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY

5. **I identify my gender as:**

Female  Male  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prefer not to answer

6. **Citizenship Status:**

US Citizen  US Permanent Resident  
 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Are you a first-generation college student (i.e. your parents did not graduate with a bachelor's degree)?**

Yes  No

8. **Ethnicity:**

Hispanic or Latino/a  
 Not Hispanic or Latino/a

9. **Race:** (please check all that apply)

- Asian
- Black or African American
- Caucasian
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Other- Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Do you have a disability?**

Yes  No

A. **If yes, which of the following categories describe your disability(ies)?**

- Hearing  Mobility  Visual
- Learning  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

11. **If you are eligible for this program based on financial need, please answer the following and provide a copy of your FAFSA.**

Family Household size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Annual Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2019 HHS Federal Income Guidelines**

Family Size	Income	Family Size	Income
1	\$12,490	5	\$30,170
2	\$16,910	6	\$34,590
3	\$21,330	7	\$39,010
4	\$25,750	8	\$43,430

12. **Awards: List awards, honors or special recognitions:**

## Section 2: Educational Background

**13. Extracurricular Activities:** List school related activities, volunteer experiences and/or employment. Indicate leadership positions held (if any):

### 14. High School Equivalence

I cannot provide high school background information because I completed my GED on

\_\_\_\_\_  
MM/YYYY

### 15. High School Information:

#### A. Name of High School:

\_\_\_\_\_

#### B. High School Location:

\_\_\_\_\_

#### C. GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

### 16. Community College Information:

#### A. Current Community College

John A Logan

Shawnee Community College

#### B. Current Major: \_\_\_\_\_

#### C. Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

#### D. Start Date at Current School: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ MM / YYYY

Projected graduation date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
MM / YYYY

### 17. What kind of degree are you currently pursuing?

Associates in Arts (AA)

Associates in Science (AS)

### 18. What is the total number of credits you have earned towards your degree?

\_\_\_\_\_

### 19. Please tell us about any other college(s) previously attended:

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

# Credit Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
MM / YYYY

End Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
MM / YYYY

### 20. Do you plan to transfer to SIUC

Yes

No

If no, where do you plan to transfer:

\_\_\_\_\_

### 21. Please tell us about your transfer plans to

Projected Transfer Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
MM / YYYY

Career Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Return to the appropriate campus liason:

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*Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.*

In what capacity have you known this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your honest appraisal of this student as to other students in your classes or area of study:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to Evaluate
Writing Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Oral Communication Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reliability/ Responsibility/ & Follow Through	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Organizational Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**Please comment on the applicant's qualities that you feel are exceptional:**

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Company or Institution	Title & Department	
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