

# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS BRIDGES TO THE BACCALAUREATE

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You can apply to participate in the SI Bridges program if you:

- Are enrolled full-time at John A. Logan College or Shawnee Community College or will be when entering the program

AND

- Have a GPA of 3.0 as a high school student or a 2.7 college GPA

There are a few other determining factors for program admission, but if you find the idea of scientific research appealing, please contact us to learn more. We want to hear from those who are driven by curiosity!

## THIS IS HOW IT WORKS

SI Bridges is a two-year program. As an SI Bridges participant, you will learn science hands-on. You will experience the thrill of discovery, gaining insights about yourself and the value of collaboration and teamwork along the way.

The program includes:

- Paid professional training in biomedical and behavioral science research through seminars, innovative courses and group and individual research experiences.
- Strong, multi-faceted mentoring, academic advisement, tutoring and counseling.
- Professional development activities designed to enhance communication and academic skills.
- Strategies for success, career planning and exposure to a number of biomedical and behavioral science disciplines and career options.

The training and support begin at the community college level, facilitating completion of an associate degree there, and then assuring a smooth transition to SIU for completion of a bachelor's degree in a biomedical or behavioral science field.

*"SI Bridges has opened my mind to new career opportunities I didn't realize were an option before. After participating in SI Bridges, I not only believe I can make a successful career out of biomedical research, but I'm certain I will continuously enjoy it."*

—Europe Doan, SI Bridges Scholar

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To learn more about our SI Bridges to the Baccalaureate program and how you can apply:

Visit: [sibridges.siu.edu](http://sibridges.siu.edu)

Phone: 618/453-4581

Email: [sibridges@siu.edu](mailto:sibridges@siu.edu)

## Or contact your community college:

John A. Logan College

618/985-2828

[sibridges@jalc.edu](mailto:sibridges@jalc.edu)

Shawnee Community College

618/634-3200

[sibridges@shawneecc.edu](mailto:sibridges@shawneecc.edu)

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# BRIDGING YOUR WAY TO VALUABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE IN SCIENCE

Imagine obtaining your baccalaureate degree in an interesting, growing field, preparing for a career where you can make a real difference. Imagine being part of valuable, paid research as you study. The Southern Illinois Bridges to the Baccalaureate (SI Bridges) program can help you turn imagination into reality.



## WHAT IS THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS BRIDGES TO THE BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM?

SI Bridges is a unique, professional training program enabling students to explore the untold possibilities in biomedical and behavioral science research. It prepares participants for fulfilling and lucrative careers in research to enhance human health and well-being.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale, John A. Logan College and Shawnee Community College are partnering to offer this comprehensive personalized training program, funded by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health. Participants work alongside faculty members from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and partner community colleges on research that matters, getting paid as they do it!

*“SI Bridges opened my eyes to the thrill of chasing the unknown, and the incomparable joy of study that only graduate school and research can provide.”*

–William Browning, SI Bridges Scholar

*“When I was in community college, I was nervous about going into a STEM field, but the SI Bridges program made me feel more confident. The program staff want to see me succeed and are always there to help me reach my career goal.”*

–Emily Duran, SI Bridges Scholar

## INNOVATIVE AND RARE

There are fewer than 45 Bridges to the Baccalaureate programs in the nation and just three in Illinois. The program cultivates a community of learners, paving their way toward completion of associate and bachelor's degrees in preparation for career opportunities in the fields of biomedical and behavioral science.

## WHAT CAREERS WILL I FIND?

STEM degrees lead to rewarding career options – and biomedical engineering and behavioral science professions are showing strong growth. You can work in research, software development, medical equipment, counseling, education, engineering and more. Or you can increase your options with a graduate degree.

