



# 2020 APPLICATION FORM

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH  
*BRIDGES TO THE BACCALAUREATE* (“BRIDGES”)

SUMMER RESEARCH INTERNSHIP  
IN BIOMEDICAL, BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCE FIELDS

AT MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN

MAY 26 – JULY 24, 2020

SPONSORED BY THE MSU EMPOWER PROGRAM

Website: <http://www.montana.edu/empower/bridges.html>

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

**Please type or clearly print (in black or blue ink) the application form responses.**  
Submit all completed application materials to your tribal college’s Bridges Program  
Coordinator OR to MSU-BRIDGES:

**Program Coordinators:**

Aaniiih Nakoda College: Brian Grebliunas  
Gallatin College: Janet Heiss-Arms  
Great Falls College: Brenda Canine  
Little Big Horn College: Sara Plaggemeyer

Montana State University  
PO Box 173820  
Bozeman, MT 59717-3820  
ATTN: Bridges Program  
**OR Email a PDF of application to:**  
[amy.stix@montana.edu](mailto:amy.stix@montana.edu)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Gender:

Female  Male  Non-binary/third gender  Prefer not to say

Prefer to self-describe: \_\_\_\_\_

4. I identify my race as:

American Indian/Alaska Native  Asian  Black/African  Caucasian  
 Pacific Islander  Other **Please select all that apply.**

I identify my ethnicity as:  Hispanic/Latino(a) *(Please check box only if this applies to you.)*

5. If you identify as American Indian/Alaska Native, please indicate your tribal affiliation(s):

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6. Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street / PO Box) (City, State) (Zip)

7. Phone Number (Include Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Provide most reliable phone number(s).) Home Cell

8. Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Provide email address you check often.)

9. Tribal or Community College You Attend \_\_\_\_\_

10. Major: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Date of your expected graduation from your college: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Four-year university you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Intended major at four-year university: \_\_\_\_\_

14. List all college coursework completed in Math and/or Science and grades received:

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15. Check the type of housing you will need this summer:

- Family Housing (will bring spouse and/or children) \*
- Dorms (will come alone)
- Off campus (will take care of own housing off campus)

**NOTE:** Applicants accepted to the Bridges Program who request Family Housing are required to submit an online housing application to the MSU Office of Family and Graduate Housing. **The Bridges Program will pay the \$100 Family Housing application fee for all accepted Bridges students.** Information on Family Housing policies and the online application can be found at <http://www.montana.edu/fgh/> PHONE: 406-994-3730. All students residing in Family Housing who are guardians of minors (children under 18 yrs. old) must provide proof of legal guardianship to the Office of Family and Graduate Housing prior to moving into units.

**16. MSU REQUIRED SAFETY & SECURITY INFORMATION** (All applicants must complete this section.)

**A.** Have you ever been convicted of a **felony** (please include instances of deferred sentencing)?

Yes     No

*A felony in Montana State law is defined as a crime for which more than one year in prison may be imposed.*

**B.** Have you ever been subjected to court-ordered confinement for threatening or causing physical or emotional injury to persons or property?  Yes     No

**C.** Have you ever been disciplined, suspended from, or placed on probation at any educational institution for nonacademic reasons?  Yes     No

*Suspension is defined as a sanction imposed for disciplinary reasons that results in a student leaving school for a specified time period. Dismissal from a college for disciplinary reasons is defined as permanent separation from an institution of higher education on the basis of conduct or behavior.*

**D.** Have you ever been required to register as a sexual or violent offender?  Yes     No

**NOTE:** Answering "Yes" to any of these questions will not automatically prevent admission, but you will be asked by the university to provide additional information. This information will be reviewed by a campus committee to ensure campus safety. Any falsification or omission of data may result in a denial of admission or dismissal.



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17. Research area(s) of interest. Indicate your research interest(s) for a summer research project:

- Chemistry/Biochemistry [www.chemistry.montana.edu/undergraduate/index.html](http://www.chemistry.montana.edu/undergraduate/index.html)
- Cell Biology & Neuroscience [www.montana.edu/cbn/](http://www.montana.edu/cbn/)
- Microbiology, Immunology and/or Infectious Diseases [www.montana.edu/mbi/](http://www.montana.edu/mbi/)
- Engineering [www.coe.montana.edu/](http://www.coe.montana.edu/)
- Biofilm Engineering [www.biofilm.montana.edu/index.html](http://www.biofilm.montana.edu/index.html)
- Pre-Med [www.montana.edu/wwami/index.html](http://www.montana.edu/wwami/index.html)
- Psychology/Behavioral Health [www.montana.edu/psychology/](http://www.montana.edu/psychology/)
- Community Health
- Food and Nutrition
- Health and Human Performance  
<http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/education-health-human-development/health-human-development/#undergraduatetext>
- Other (Please list): \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Although the Bridges Program tries to place Bridges applicants in research laboratories and research projects that align with students' stated interest areas, it is not always possible to find an exact project match for every student's stated interest(s). Applicants should understand that no matter which research laboratory they are assigned, all laboratory experience provided through the Bridges program is designed to provide important skills and help prepare students for successful transfer into biomedical, health sciences, and behavioral science fields.



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18. Using a separate sheet(s) of 8.5 X 11 paper, please **type a personal essay of 500 to 750 words**. Describe your academic and career interests, your future goals, and why you want to participate in the Bridges program and an intensive laboratory research internship. Describe your interest in pursuing a future career in biomedical, health sciences, and/or behavioral health fields. Please include your academic, professional, and/or voluntary experience, as well as personal achievements, and describe how these relate to your goals. **Only typed essays of 500-750 words will be accepted.**
19. Submit **two (2)** recommendation letters completed by 1) your college's Bridges Program Coordinator and/or 2) a college faculty member or academic counselor. The two recommendation letters must be typed and signed by your Recommenders. The letters should be submitted to the Bridges program by your Recommenders, via email or postal mail.
20. Submit transcripts from **all** colleges you have attended, through fall semester 2019.
21. Please meet with your college's Bridges Program Coordinator before submitting your completed application to discuss the Bridges program and program expectations.
22. Your complete application packet must be received by the MSU Bridges Program office by **FEBRUARY 28, 2020**. All accepted applicants are required to arrive for the first day of the Bridges Program at MSU-Bozeman on MAY 26. **To submit your application via postal mail, please send to:**  
  
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ATTN: Bridges Program  
  
**If you prefer to scan/email a PDF** of your application, please send it to: [amy.stix@montana.edu](mailto:amy.stix@montana.edu)
23. Please call 406-994-5567 or email Bridges Program Director Amy Stix ([amy.stix@montana.edu](mailto:amy.stix@montana.edu)) if you have any questions about the application process or need assistance.

\*The National Institutes of Health (NIH) <https://www.nih.gov/> funds the MSU Bridges Program and is dedicated to enhancing the representation of individuals underrepresented in the biomedical and health related sciences, and to supporting an inclusive and diverse workforce in these fields. MSU and NIH will periodically track the progression of Bridges students after they complete the eight-week summer research internship, and during students' academic and professional careers, to track progress toward the above stated goals. Thus, all students who participate in the eight-week summer Bridges program will be requested to sign a consent waiver allowing the Bridges Program and NIH to 1) track students' academic and professional career paths and 2) periodically request updates regarding students' academic/professional careers.



**STUDENT WAIVER FORM FOR 2020 SUMMER**  
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**A.** This section to be completed by the Bridges applicant (clearly print or type name):

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

*Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, you may decide whether letters of reference are to be held confidential or are to be available for your personal inspection. Please sign one of the following statements:*

***I DO NOT WAIVE*** my right of access to the form. It shall be made available to me for inspection upon written request.

***I DO WAIVE*** my right of access to this form and grant permission for it to be held confidential.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**STUDENT RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR 2020 SUMMER  
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**B.** This section should be completed, in the form of a recommendation letter, by the Bridges Tribal/Community College Program Coordinator; a college faculty member; and/or a college academic counselor who is recommending the student. Two letters of recommendation are required.

**Recommenders, please submit a letter that comments on the Bridges applicant's:**

- 1) Academic performance, particularly in math and science
- 2) Initiative and motivation
- 3) Maturity, communication skills, flexibility (ability to work in a team setting)
- 4) Experience in biomedical, health sciences, and/or behavioral science fields
- 5) Attendance and punctuality
- 6) Readiness to participate in an intensive research and academic enrichment program

Please submit your signed/dated recommendation letter **no later than FEBRUARY 28, 2020** via email (PDF) OR mail to:

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Thank you for your assistance.