

Hot Metal Bridge Application Instructions

Please read the application checklist for what must be submitted for each department.

Thank you for your interest in the Hot Metal Bridge Program run by the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences graduate programs! To apply for admission, complete the online application through the GradCas: <https://gradcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/>.

Before selecting a department and completing the application, please read the information below for the specific checklist requirements. Questions you may have can be answered by emailing Philippa Carter at hmbp@pitt.edu or calling 412-624-6096.

As part of the application you will be required to select a specialization.

HMB students are not required to pay an application fee.

For all applicants to all departments: You must list at least two recommenders. We will review your application as long as at both letters of recommendation are submitted by the **March 15, 2024, deadline.** **THERE ARE NO EXTENSIONS TO THE DEADLINE.**

Here is the checklist of materials needed for each HMB department:

Anthropology:

- ☐ COMPLETED APPLICATION
- ☐ COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS OF PRIOR ACADEMIC WORK (3.0 is recommended GPA but willing to look at applicants with a 2.75 GPA and higher)
- ☐ STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC GOALS (must be no more than two pages doubled-spaced with a font that is no smaller than 10 pt and no larger than 12 point)
- ☐ WRITING SAMPLE FROM AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE (minimum of 5 pages)
- ☐ RÉSUMÉ or CV
- ☐ **GRES ARE NOT REQUIRED and will not be considered in the evaluation of your application if submitted**

Biological Sciences:

- ☐ COMPLETED APPLICATION
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- ☐ STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC GOALS (must be no more than two pages doubled-spaced with a font that is no smaller than 10 pt and no larger than 12 point)
- ☐ STATEMENT OF RESEARCH AND GOALS (instructions for response is in the application instructions in GradCas)
- ☐ RÉSUMÉ or CV
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Chemistry:

- ☐ COMPLETED APPLICATION
- ☐ COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS OF PRIOR ACADEMIC WORK (3.0 is recommended GPA but willing to look at applicants with a 2.75 GPA and higher)
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Economics:

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- ☐ STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC GOALS (must be no more than two pages doubled-spaced with a font that is no smaller than 10 point and no larger than 12 point)
- ☐ EVIDENCE OF MATHEMATICS COURSEWORK COMPLETED
- ☐ RÉSUMÉ or CV
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Geology and Environmental Science:

- ☐ COMPLETED APPLICATION
- ☐ COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS OF PRIOR COLLEGE COURSEWORK (recommended cumulative gpa of 3.0 or higher, but will consider applicants who have a 2.75 or higher gpa)
- ☐ STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC GOALS (must be no more than two pages doubled-spaced with a font that is no smaller than 10 pt and no larger than 12 point)
- ☐ SUMMARY OF RESEARCH INTERESTS (must be no more than two pages doubled-spaced with a font that is no smaller than 10 pt and no larger than 12 point)
- ☐ RESUMÉ OR CV
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History of Art and Architecture:

- ☐ COMPLETED APPLICATION
- ☐ COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS OF PRIOR ACADEMIC WORK (3.0 is recommended GPA)
- ☐ STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC GOALS (must be no more than two pages doubled-spaced with a font that is no smaller than 10 point and no larger than 12 point)

- ❑ WRITING SAMPLE FROM AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE (minimum of 5 pages)
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Mathematics:

- ❑ COMPLETED APPLICATION
- ❑ COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS OF PRIOR ACADEMIC WORK
- ❑ THERE MUST BE EVIDENCE OF MATHEMATICS COURSEWORK (minimum of least the following courses: Linear Algebra, Calculus, and an upper-level undergraduate mathematics course)
- ❑ STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC GOALS (must be no more than two pages doubled-spaced with a font that is no smaller than 10 pt and no larger than 12 point)
- ❑ RÉSUMÉ or CV
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Neuroscience:

- ❑ COMPLETED APPLICATION
- ❑ COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS OF PRIOR COLLEGE COURSEWORK (recommended cumulative gpa of 3.0 or higher, but will consider applicants who have a 2.75 or higher gpa)
- ❑ STATEMENT OF GOALS FOR POSTGRADUATE TRAINING AND FUTURE CAREER (must be no more than two pages doubled-spaced with a font that is no smaller than 10 pt and no larger than 12 point)
- ❑ SUMMARY OF PRIOR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (IF ANY and it must be no more than two pages doubled-spaced with a font that is no smaller than 10 pt and no larger than 12 point)
- ❑ RESUMÉ OR CV
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Psychology:

- ❑ COMPLETED APPLICATION
- ❑ COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS OF PRIOR ACADEMIC WORK
- ❑ STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC GOALS (must be no more than two pages doubled-spaced with a font that is no smaller than 10 pt and no larger than 12 point) THE STATEMENT MUST LIST AT LEAST TWO POSSIBLE MENTORS FROM THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT THAT THE STUDENT WISHES TO WORK WITH
- ❑ RÉSUMÉ or CV
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Theatre Arts:

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