

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 [ApplyYourself Application Network](#).

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. When you are ready to submit your application please select the check option and then do not send a check.

For all applicants to all departments: You must list three recommenders. We will review your application as long as at least two letters of recommendation are submitted by the **April 2, 2021** deadline. **THERE ARE NO EXTENSIONS TO THE DEADLINE.**

Please follow the below instructions to ensure that your application is submitted correctly:

1. When you start the application process you must select as your department or field do you wish to major in? **Hot Metal Bridge Program**
2. The Academic Plan must be **Hot Metal Bridge Program**
3. Your proposed Area of Specialization is your department of interest. You can select more than one Area of Specialization. They are: **Anthropology, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Economics, History of Art & Architecture, Mathematics, Neuroscience and Psychology.**

Please refer to the below graphic where the red arrows indicate what you need to select.

The screenshot shows the 'Application Information' form for the University of Pittsburgh. The form includes a sidebar with navigation options like 'Application Information', 'Educational Background', and 'Important Links'. The main form area contains several sections: 'Applicant for' (Full-Time selected), 'Beginning in' (Fall 2019), and a question about previous applications. The 'What department or field do you wish to major in?' section has a dropdown menu with 'Hot Metal Bridge Program' selected, indicated by a red arrow. Below this is a note about departmental deadlines. The 'Academic Plan' section has a dropdown menu with 'Hot Metal Bridge Program' selected, also indicated by a red arrow. The 'Proposed Area of Specialization' section has a dropdown menu with 'Anthropology' selected, indicated by a red arrow. A note at the bottom states: 'Note: If no choices appear in the pick list, please enter Specialization in text field below.'

All students will receive an email confirmation once they have submitted their application. You must notify Philippa Carter at hmbp@pitt.edu no later than March 30, 2021 if you do not receive a confirmation email to determine if there was a problem with your application submission. If you do not do so your application will not be reviewed.

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
- 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)
- RÉSUMÉ or CV
- **GRES ARE NOT REQUIRED and will not be considered in the evaluation of your application if submitted**

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)
- 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
- **GRES ARE NOT REQUIRED and will not be considered in the evaluation of your application if submitted**

Economics:

- 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)
- EVIDENCE OF MATHEMATICS COURSEWORK COMPLETED
- RÉSUMÉ or CV
- **GRES ARE NOT REQUIRED and will not be considered in the evaluation of your application if submitted**

HA&A:

- 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)
- RÉSUMÉ or CV
- **GRES ARE NOT REQUIRED and will not be considered in the evaluation of your application if submitted**

Mathematics:

- COMPLETED APPLICATION
- COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS OF PRIOR ACADEMIC WORK
- THERE MUST BE EVIDENCE OF MATHEMATICS COURSEWORK (minimum of least the following courses: 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
- GRES ARE NOT REQUIRED and will not be considered in the evaluation of your application if submitted**

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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