



AGU Bridge Program

Advancing the Earth and space sciences
through increased representation of Hispanics,
African Americans, and Native Americans in
geoscience graduate programs.

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Part of Inclusive Graduate Education Network (IGEN), an effort to develop, adopt, and share inclusive practices for recruiting, admitting, and retaining underrepresented minorities in STEM Ph.D. programs.

The AGU Bridge Program seeks to increase the number of students from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups obtaining a graduate degree in the geosciences. A key component to fulfilling this goal is building a large base of institutions that can admit and retain students from underrepresented groups through an AGU-led student application process.

The AGU Bridge Program student applicant database provides access to a unique talent pool for departments in the geosciences to facilitate pairings between student applicants and partner institutions.

Partner institutions are departments that have demonstrated that they will provide a supportive, inclusive and nurturing environment for students. The AGU Bridge Program recommends programs to interested students and helps departments committed to Bridge Program principles recruit talented students.

Becoming an AGU Bridge Program Partner

Becoming a partner is free. All U.S. institutions that grant a master's or doctoral degree in the geosciences are eligible to apply.

Partner department applications are reviewed annually by an AGU committee. The annual deadline for partner applications is October 15.

AGU Bridge Program Partner Benefits

- Access to the AGU Bridge Program student applicant database
- Public recognition by AGU of the department's commitment to diversity and inclusion in the Earth and space sciences
- Access to AGU Bridge Program staff, veteran Bridge Program partners, and other subject matter experts to provide resources and support strategies for aiding underrepresented students in graduate programs
- Recommendation of the department's supportive post-baccalaureate educational environment to prospective and current Bridge Program students, students from underrepresented groups, and others

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Student Application Process

The AGU Bridge Program is committed to increasing representation of Hispanics, African Americans, and Native Americans in geoscience graduate programs. The ideal candidate for this program will be a current or former undergraduate geoscience student who demonstrates the commitment, drive, and potential to complete a rigorous graduate program in the geosciences, but for various reasons, does not have the necessary coursework, research experience, or guidance to gain admission to a geoscience graduate program.

Eligibility requirements

Successful applicants to the AGU Bridge Program must meet the following criteria:

- Must be Hispanic, African American or Native American U.S. citizens, permanent U.S. residents, or enrolled in the DACA program
- Hold a bachelor's or master's degree in geoscience or a closely related discipline by the time they would enter the AGU Bridge Program
- Must satisfy additional requirements of individual Bridge Program institutions, such as minimum GPA or GRE scores
- Be committed to improving diversity in the geosciences

December-15 April

AGU BRIDGE STUDENT APPLICATIONS OPEN

DECEMBER

Application portal opens. Students are encouraged to submit complete applications well before the deadline to avoid technical issues. This includes your application, transcripts, and letters of recommendation. Please allow some time to ensure those writing your letters of recommendation have ample time.

APRIL 15

Deadline for all application materials.

16 April-Mid-Summer

STUDENT INTERVIEWS BEGIN AND SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS NOTIFIED OF OFFERS

APRIL-JULY

Partner institutions will contact students to schedule interviews. Students accepted into Bridge Programs will receive admission offers through direct email contact with institution graduate directors or AGU Bridge Program staff. Although most offers go out in May and June, some institutions may make offers for fall enrollment later in the summer. As such, applicants should be sure to monitor their email and ensure that the email address provided will be used post-graduation. The application cycle closes in early September, and no offers will be made after this deadline.

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