

Why join the Bridge Program?

The program is an enhanced option which offers research training and additional coursework to prepare students for entry into our Ph.D. program or other top-notch Ph.D. programs. Bridge students will:

- Gain a solid foundation in statistical modeling and data analysis
- Complete a research-based project with a faculty mentor
- Interact with graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty through one-on-one meetings, group meetings, department and student-led seminars, classes, and symposia, as well as others in the field via conference attendance
- Develop teaching skills, with extensive training and support
- Benefit from faculty and peer mentoring as well as program staff supporting your academic success
- Opportunity to be admitted into the Statistics Ph.D. program upon completion of the Bridge Program and satisfying program requirements. Please visit our website for more information

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Beyond the Bridge Program

Students who complete the Bridge Program and meet certain academic requirements can be granted admission into our Statistics Ph.D. program and will be competitive for admission into other top Ph.D. programs in the country.

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If you have further questions, please
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An outstanding opportunity to take coursework with leading Statistics faculty, gain research experience, and prepare for Ph.D. program application



The Bridge Program is for students who:

- Have demonstrated academic excellence
- Intend to pursue (or are strongly considering) a Ph.D. in Statistics
- Demonstrate potential to conduct original research under the supervision of a faculty member
- Are U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or undocumented students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA)

Eligible applications must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Come from an educational, cultural or geographic background that is underrepresented in graduate study in their discipline in the United States or at the University of Michigan;
- Have demonstrated a sustained commitment to diversity in the academic, professional, or civic realm through their work experience, volunteer engagement, or leadership of student or community organizations. By commitment to diversity, we mean efforts in the U.S. to reduce social, educational or economic disparities based on race, ethnicity or gender, or to improve race relations in the U.S.;
- Have experienced financial hardship as a result of family economic circumstances;
- Are first-generation U.S. citizens or are the first generation in their families to graduate from a four-year college.

Students who do not meet any of these criteria are encouraged to apply to the standard Applied Statistics M.S. program.



The deadline for application is **January 15!**

How to apply

It is strongly recommended that prospective students have a good background in calculus and linear algebra and have taken at least one course each in probability and in theoretical statistics. Applicants from various academic backgrounds are welcome and encouraged to apply. Applicants who have not completed an undergraduate major in statistics will not be penalized, but may need to enroll in some extra classes before taking the core courses necessary for a Master's degree.

Required for admission:

- GRE
- Transcripts
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Personal Statement
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume

Application fee waivers may be available; please contact the program for more information.

Curriculum:

- Students will arrive ahead of their first fall semester in August to participate in Rackham's RMF Connections program
- Students in the Bridge Program must complete the course requirements to meet a Master's of Science in Applied Statistics for a total of 30 credits.
- All students will be offered the chance to work on research with a dedicated faculty member in the summer between their first and second year
- All courses will be selected in consultation with the program director

Please apply online at **www.rackham.umich.edu/admissions/applying**