Things to Consider When Preparing to Apply

PROGRAM PREFERENCE
All students apply to Brown Pre-College or Pre-Baccalaureate. Students applying to Brown Pre-College may indicate a program preference within the application. Indicating a program preference does not guarantee registration in a specific course or program.

WRITING SAMPLE
Students should consider our two prompts and choose one to create a thoughtful 250-500 word essay prior to starting their application. Prompts can be found on the Apply Checklist page of our website.

GRADE REPORTS
Students will provide two years of academic grade reports; the current year up to date of submission and one previous year (even if this is 8th grade). Unofficial transcripts like report cards or progress reports are accepted. The student’s name and school year should be included on the document.

QUALIFICATIONS
We are seeking academically high-achieving students who provide a well-written application essay that highlights their intellectual curiosity, social maturity and self-motivation. We review applications holistically. When determining admissibility, we look at a number of factors including academic performance, motivation, interests and English language proficiency.
Let’s Get Started

The application is available at precollege.brown.edu. New students will need to create an account. Returning students can log in with the email and password they originally used to create their account.

Students can login anytime with the email and password they used to create the account. A login link is available on our homepage for return visits. Click “Forgot Password” or contact precollege@brown.edu if you forget your password.

Once an account is created, applicants can start a new application within the Student Portal by clicking the “Complete Your Application” button and then “Start a New Application”.

Applicants will be prompted to select a few options from a drop-down menu.
Application Components

You will complete the first sections of the application (shown at right) by answering the questions and filling in your personal information. If your school is not listed in the drop-down menu, select “Unknown School”.

Students can elect to share more information about their gender identity or pronouns here. Please be sure to read the help text to know where and when this information will be reflected.

Click “No File Selected” to upload a transcript. Transcripts should be a JPG or PDF and under 20MB in size. Clicking ‘+ ADD ATTACHMENT’ will create a new upload field. If you need to upload multiple grade reports do this once for the current year and once for the previous year.
Application Components

You will be prompted to submit a 250-500 word essay. You are welcome to copy and paste your essay into the text box. Please note, formatting may look compressed from the original essay if pasted, but it will appear in its intended format when reviewed by our team.

You will also have the opportunity to provide any additional information that may not be reflected in other materials submitted along with your application. For example, an explanation for inconsistent grades or specific circumstances you would like the Admissions team to consider.

Next you will select whether or not you choose to waive your right to view your letter of recommendation, should you choose to submit one.
Application Components

Recommendations are **not** required for the Pre-College Program, but are required for the Pre-Baccalaureate Program. To choose to submit a recommendation, select “Yes” and follow the prompts to include the recommender’s name and email. Applications will not be reviewed until we receive a recommendation, if elected.

You will be asked to select which type of experience you are most interested in (on campus, online, etc.) and to indicate your primary fields of academic interest. *These interests do not guarantee enrollment in an area of study.*

If you select studying on campus, you will be offered a few programs to choose from. Please note if you select **Language In Context: English**, you will only be eligible to enroll in Language in Context: English courses, which are designed for students who need additional English language support.
Application Components

You will have an opportunity to provide feedback, regarding your experience with the application, on the application.

If applicable, you may request an Application Fee Waiver for one of the reasons listed. If you are requesting an Application Fee Waiver respond ‘Yes’ to the first question and then select the reason.
Submitting the Application

Your application is almost complete. Pay the Application Fee and when it says “Payment Received” you can click “Submit Your Application”.

You will be asked to verify your information, electronically sign and submit the application. If your application displays 99% complete in your portal, it is typically because you didn’t complete this final verification step.

You will be able to track the progress of your application, and fee waiver request, within the student portal. Fee waivers are typically processed
Enrollment Process

1. After submitting a completed application*, you will receive an email within 15 business days when your Admissions Decision is ready to view in your Student Portal.

2. If admitted, you will then submit your enrollment deposit.

3. After submitting your enrollment deposit, you will then be able to enroll in a course.

Ongoing Communication

Regularly check the email address you provided to us. This is the email we will communicate with you regarding your application and enrollments.

If you have any questions, please contact us at precollege@brown.edu

Thank you!

*Applications will not be reviewed until all requirements are fulfilled. Please visit our Application Checklist to review all requirements. In some cases, supplemental application materials — transcripts, essays or recommendations — may be requested. You will be notified by email if any additional information is required.