



BROWN
Division of Pre-College
and Undergraduate Programs



2025

Application Guide

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.

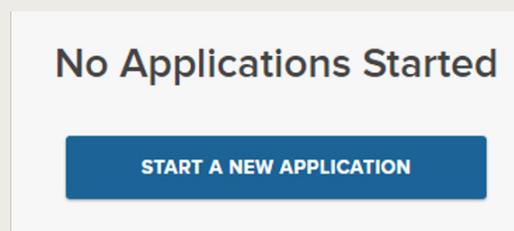
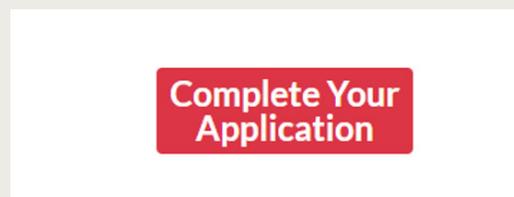
Student Sign In

Student Email

Password

SIGN IN

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New Application

What year do you expect to graduate high school?
Please select one

Application Type
Please select one

Term
Please select one

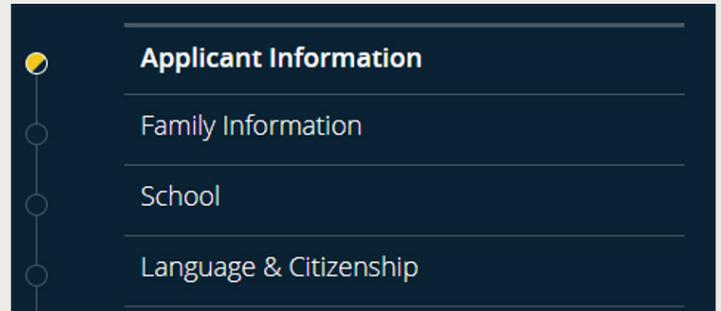
START APPLICATION

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.



Would you like to share information about your pronouns or gender identity?

Yes

Sharing your pronouns is optional. If you provide your pronouns they may be used when we are communicating with parents, teachers, or recommenders. If admitted, your pronouns may be shared with Pre-College instructors and Student Life staff. If you are not comfortable with those listed knowing your pronouns, you do not need to share them at this time. **Enrolled students will have an additional opportunity to share/update their pronouns during the onboarding process.**

Please select the pronoun(s) most salient to your identity. (Hold ctrl to select more than one option)

he/him/his
she/her/hers
they/them/theirs
Please ask me

Sharing your gender identity is optional. If you provide your gender identity it may be available within your Student Portal. If you provide your gender identity it may be shared with Student Life staff and professional staff. If you are not comfortable with those listed knowing your gender identity, you do not need to share this information at this time. **Enrolled students will have an additional opportunity to share/update their gender identity during the onboarding process.**

Please submit the most recent grades from the 2022-2023 academic year. Grade submissions **must be in English, contain your full name** and have **the school year and term represented**. If your transcript is not in English, you must provide a translation by a certified translator. Acceptable submissions may include, but are not limited to:

- Unofficial transcript,
- Report card,
- Progress report,
- Mark sheets,
- Screenshot of grades from a school portal (remember, it must show your full name!), or
- Narrative assessment.

Please also be sure to include an explanation of the grading scale used by the school(s) if different from the U.S. grading system.

You may upload additional attachments by clicking the “Add Attachment” button. Please be advised, if you do not submit all required grades, you may be asked later for this material, which can cause the review of your application to be delayed.

If your academic year aligns more closely with the calendar year, please upload all of the grades from the most recently completed school year (2022).

Upload Current Grades - Max File Size 20MB

No file selected

This field is required.

+ ADD ATTACHMENT

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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.

Please submit a **250-500 word** essay responding to **one** of the following prompts:

Many of our students come to learn more about one of their passions, or because they find a class in a subject that they are really excited about. Tell us about your passion or a subject that excites you. How will you continue to explore this subject or passion at Brown Pre-College?
OR
Look back on an event, an experience or an accomplishment that was meaningful to your educational journey. How did you grow as a result? What did you learn that will help you as you continue your journey at Brown Pre-College?

Essay formatting may change in application once saved. This will not affect your application submission.

Essay Response (250 - 500 Words)

Would you like to provide additional information on circumstances or qualifications that isn't reflected in other aspects of your application?

Yes

Please share your additional information here

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendments guarantee students access to educational records concerning them, including recommendations. As such, you can review letters of recommendation and assessments after you enroll and attend the program. Students are, however, permitted to waive their right to access this information. Although the choice is completely up to you, some teachers will not provide recommendations for students who do not waive their right to view the material.

I wish to waive the right to access such letters of recommendations.
 No

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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.

Recommendations are **optional**, however we strongly suggest you ask a teacher, mentor, counselor, or community member to submit a recommendation if you are:

- Interested in the Summer@Brown program and will be under the age of 15 as of June 16, 2025
- Interested in the STEM for Rising 9th and 10th Graders program and will be under the age of 14 as of June 16, 2025
- Interested in any of the Brown Environmental Leadership Lab programs
- Interested in any of the Brown Experiential Education programs
- And/or have inconsistent grades — any grades of C or below

If you select yes below, you will be prompted to provide the name and email address of a recommender. **Your application will not be reviewed until this recommendation has been received.** If you have a question about a recommendation requirement after you have indicated you will submit one, please contact Program Advising at precollege@brown.edu.

- Would you like to submit the name and email address of a teacher, mentor, counselor, or community member, that can attest to your academic and leadership skills, to provide a recommendation?
No

All programs offer unique courses and experiences. Please consider what type of experience you’d like to have this summer and answer the following questions. If admitted, you will be eligible to register for open courses within any program as long as you meet minimum eligibility requirements. **This selection does not indicate enrollment in a course if your application is accepted. If accepted, you will need to pay the \$300 non-refundable deposit, then enroll in a course through your student portal.**

- You can experience Brown Pre-College in many different ways. Which experience are you most interested in?
Please select an option
- Primary Academic Interest
Please select an option
- Secondary Academic Interest
Please select an option

CONTINUE

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On Brown’s campus in Providence, Rhode Island
- What program are you planning to participate in?
Please select an option
Please select an option
- Summer@Brown
Brown Leadership Institute
Language in Context: English

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.

The following questions are used solely to improve our marketing and application processes. Responses to these questions have no bearing on admission decisions or the application review process.

• How did you hear about us?
Please select an option

Overall, I found this application easy to complete.
Please select an option

We welcome you to provide any additional thoughts you may have on completing our application. (255 character maximum)

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You may request an Application Fee Waiver for one of the following reasons:

- You are associated with a partner organization,
- You are enrolled in a school in the Providence, RI Public School District,
- You are the dependent of a Brown University Employee,
- You are part of a free or reduced lunch program.

If you request an Application Fee Waiver for one of the above reasons, you may be required to submit additional documentation. You will be notified by email after you submit your application if additional documentation is required. If eligibility cannot be confirmed, you will be responsible for paying the application fee. Applications will not be reviewed until the waiver is confirmed or the fee is paid.

For any questions regarding fee waivers, please contact precollegescholarships@brown.edu.

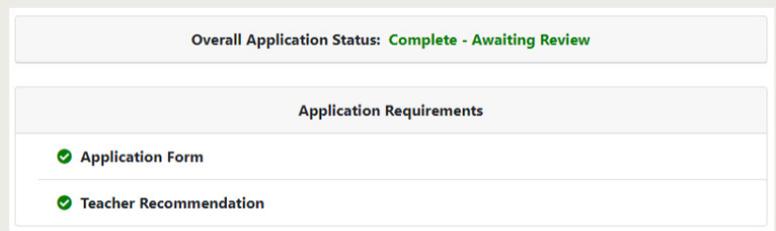
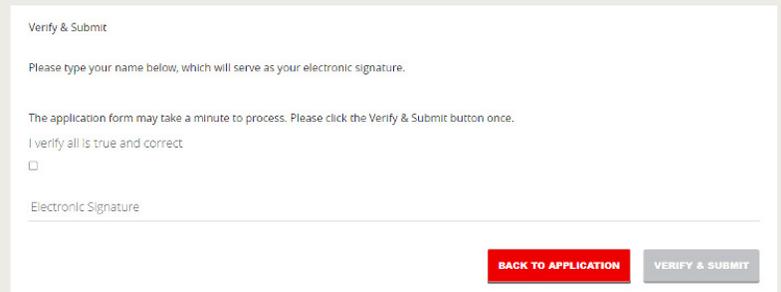
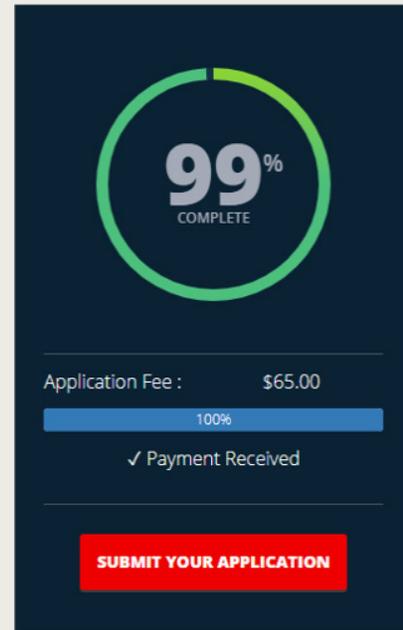
Would you like to request a fee waiver?
• Please select an option

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.*