



Interested in joining the University Bridge Program?

Please read the information below before completing the
Bridge Program Enrollment Form

The Bridge Program is intended to make transitions from S.C. technical colleges to the University as seamless as possible and to increase the success of transfer students once they've enrolled at the Columbia campus. Participating students will have access to a variety of services from the University's admissions, housing and financial aid offices, the Career Center and the Student Success Center.

Qualifying for the Bridge Program

Students who are recent high school graduates and first time college attendees are ideal candidates for the Bridge Program. Before transferring to the University, students generally will complete 30 to 60 credit hours at their technical colleges. Students should:

- Have only attended colleges within the SC technical college system
- Have completed no more than 45 credit hours
- Have at least one full semester of course work left before the semester they intend to transfer

Registering for the Bridge Program

Students who apply to the University and are eligible for the Bridge Program will receive information from Undergraduate Admission in early summer. Students who do not apply to the University as incoming freshman should meet with a University admissions counselor or with the Bridge Program representatives at their technical colleges to determine their eligibility for the program. If the student is eligible, then complete the attached Enrollment Form and send it to the USC Bridge Coordinator. **The deadline to submit the enrollment form for spring transfers is September 1 and for fall transfers is February 1.**

Benefits of the Bridge Program

Bridge Program participants will benefit from an array of services that will improve their transitions from technical colleges to the University. Some of these services include:

- Admissions counseling
- Financial-aid education
- Major and career counseling
- Assistance from student mentors
- First priority to live in East Quad's transfer student living and learning community after successful admission to USC (pending space availability; option only available to students admitted for the fall)
- Invitations to special events

While the Bridge Program will enhance eligible students' transitions to the University, it's important to keep in mind that the program does not offer special admissions consideration to students. All transfer students must meet the requirements set forth by academic departments. They also are required to submit admissions applications and other standard paperwork. By enrolling in the Bridge Program, you are acknowledging that USC and your current institution may share information about your academic credentials in order to ensure that you are eligible for the program and that your USC admissions application is complete.