

Welcome Scholar!

Congratulations on your admission to U-M and for being chosen to join [The Comprehensive Studies Program \(CSP\)](#)! You have been selected to start your U-M career alongside other students, dedicated staff, and esteemed faculty through CSP's [Summer Bridge Scholars Program \(SBSP\)](#)!

We wanted to take this opportunity to provide some answers to frequently asked questions from students at this time.

- **What is the Comprehensive Studies Program?**
  - A Michigan Learning Community of 3000 Michigan students who are the leaders and best of their home and campus communities. The CSP community features up to 75 faculty who prioritize teaching and learning, and 21 administrative and academic advising staff who advocate for students as they explore and discover their academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular interests and strengths.
- **What is the Summer Bridge Scholars Program?**
  - A seven-week academic program for selected students where you will begin college coursework, engage in highly individualized academic advising, and receive the personal attention of faculty in an intensive, nurturing environment.
  - As a Bridge Scholar, you'll have an excellent opportunity to build upon your academic skills, develop a peer support network, and familiarize yourself with our campus and its resources. Similar to what you will experience in the Fall term, you will have academic commitments Monday through Friday.
- **Why was I admitted to the Summer Bridge Scholars Program?**
  - Staff from the University of Michigan Office of Undergraduate Admissions make determinations for SBSP based on the holistic review of your application, background, interests, and skills. Selected students are identified as those who would benefit the most from this experience. *Full attendance and participation in courses and events are requirements for successful program completion and matriculation to fall 2021.*
- **Is this a residential experience?**
  - Traditionally the Summer Bridge Scholars Program is an in-person, residential experience. This year we will be offering the program remotely but are committed to partnering with you to provide any support you may need. In March, we will start collecting information from you via surveys to learn more about your needs in regard to technology, housing, food, and financial aid.
- **What should I be doing right now to secure my admissions?**
  - Accept your admission and submit your \$300 enrollment deposit by May 1st, 2021
    - There are options to [request an extension or waiver](#) through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
  - [Apply for financial aid](#)
    - As a summer admit student, you have to complete two (2) FAFSA forms. Be sure to complete the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and the [CSS Profile](#) before March 31, 2021.
  - To learn more about completing the financial aid process after being admitted, [register](#) for a 'Next Steps' session hosted by our partners in the Office of Financial Aid or contact them with any questions at [ofa-outreach@umich.edu](mailto:ofa-outreach@umich.edu).
- **Where can I direct any follow up questions?**
  - If you would like to connect with our team, we ask that you contact us at [csp-bridge@umich.edu](mailto:csp-bridge@umich.edu).

This will be the first of regular newsletters that we will send to you with updates and important information regarding your summer experience. While we are all living with uncertainty, we hope you look ahead with pride and excitement about your admission to the University of Michigan and your summer experience with our Summer Bridge Scholars Program.

We are looking forward to meeting you virtually as we all work to be well, and then in person when the opportunity allows.

Stay safe and forever Go Blue!