

THE STRENGTH OF COMMUNITY



The **Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP)**—and the community of scholars it creates—plays an essential role in attracting and retaining students who contribute a variety of viewpoints and experiences to campus. These students are important for a diverse and thriving academic culture that benefits all members of the university community. In a time when many perspectives are needed in our society, CSP is critically important.

CSP Summer Bridge offers individualized support to students with outstanding potential from a variety of backgrounds to ease their transition from high school to college and equip them to overcome a variety of barriers.

*To support the urgent unmet needs of CSP students, LSA has established the **CSP Emergency Fund**, which will allow the program to respond to current challenges.*

LSA is committed to CSP students and the programming designed for them. Expendable gifts of any size are needed to help cover costs associated with the necessary change to remote learning this summer in response to COVID-19 and to respond to changing needs during the upcoming months.

TOP PRIORITIES AND EMERGING NEEDS

Many CSP students come from economic disadvantage, making them among the most vulnerable in a time of crisis. Supporting their access to CSP programming provides opportunities for them to work closely with advisors and instructors who ensure they have the tools they need to overcome obstacles, meet the demanding expectations of a world-class research university, and graduate with all the benefits of a degree from Michigan. CSP is critical to the university's long-term excellence, with programs that strengthen and help realize LSA's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

In previous years, students have come to campus for several weeks before fall semester starts to connect with staff and each other, to build community, to refine skills like college-level writing, and to prepare for life as an undergrad. Summer Bridge has traditionally been a stepping stone for first year students who need additional preparations that give them better opportunities to succeed in college. The community of peers, small classroom experiences with top undergraduate instructors, and exposure to LSA programs and resources that Summer Bridge facilitates are vital to the success of these students. In response to COVID-19, CSP has pivoted Summer Bridge and all CSP Summer programs to a remote platform, thoughtfully redesigned to achieve the same positive outcomes in new ways.



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Unmet financial needs for most CSP students mean they need to take additional loans. Your gift to the CSP Emergency Fund could be used to offset unmet needs and ensure their full participation in programming. It could provide laptops, internet service, headsets, or other materials necessary for learning. Your generosity can set up these students for success in years to come. As we move from summer into the fall semester, we expect additional needs may emerge. This could include increased needs for advising, mentoring, tutoring, additional courses, and social programming. The CSP Emergency Fund will help the program respond quickly to the emerging needs as they arise. Your gift now will help ensure CSP is able to meet students' needs and maintain the program's impact across the university and in students' lives.

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