

# The Office of College Admission

Counselor Newsletter 2024-25



## What's new at Brown

- The newly expanded **Brown Center for Career Exploration** is an essential part of the Open Curriculum, ensuring that all students are equipped with the skills they need to explore career options with confidence and to make intentional, informed decisions about their career paths beyond graduation. [Learn more →](#)
- **The Lindemann Performing Arts Center** is the University's newest home for artistic expression and research and experimentation, with state-of-the-art spaces for classes, rehearsals and performances. Brown believes the arts are fundamental to critical inquiry into the most important questions facing humanity. [Learn more →](#)
- Students have **more housing options** than ever with the recent opening of Chen Family Hall and Danoff Hall, in addition to Sternlicht Commons, which opened in 2021. All three residence halls offer thematic housing, with living-learning communities dedicated to interfaith community, sustainability, civic engagement and health and wellness. [Learn more →](#)
- This summer, Brown introduced its **Bridge Scholars Program**, a free six-week hybrid summer leadership institute that provides first-year students with an opportunity to experience life at Brown, and earn academic credit, before the start of the fall semester. [Learn more →](#)
- Next year, Brown will officially launch its fifth school, the **School of International and Public Affairs**, with the goal of expanding and strengthening research and teaching on the world's most pressing economic, political, social and policy challenges. [Learn more →](#)
- Beginning with the class of 2029, Brown University will become one of only six U.S. institutions that is **need-blind for international students**. [Learn more →](#)

## Testing in Context

Brown will return to requiring SAT or ACT scores in the 2024-25 admission cycle. Brown evaluates the whole student by considering test scores for each student within the context of which they come.

Test scores are but one factor among the many Brown considers when conducting a whole-person review of applicants. The most important consideration in the admission process is a student's high school performance and preparedness, including grades, skills mastery, teacher recommendations and the depth and breadth of their academic learning both in and out of the classroom.

For more information, please visit our website at [admission.brown.edu/first-year/standardized-tests](https://admission.brown.edu/first-year/standardized-tests).

## Class of 2028 First-Year Applicant Overview

**48,904**

Total Applications

**898**

Early Decision Admits

**2,638**

Total Admits

**5%**

Admit Rate

**1,723**

Number of First-Years

# Financial Aid

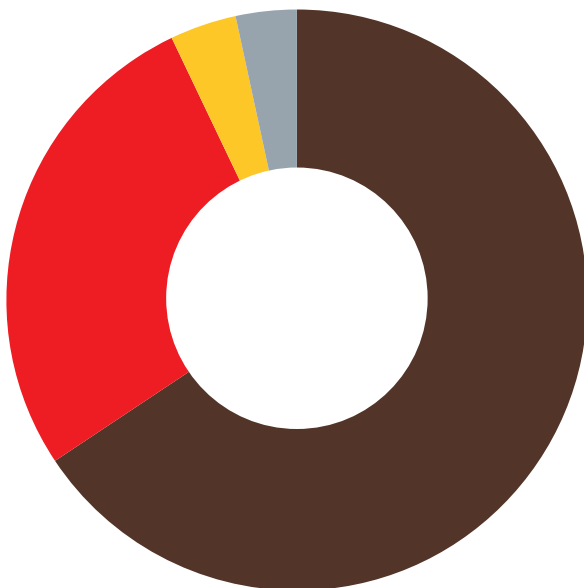
We strongly believe that a Brown education should be accessible to all regardless of their economic background. Brown has a need-blind admission policy for all new students who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents and international students as well as DACA and undocumented students who attend high school in the U.S.

Need-blind admission means that a student's ability to pay for a Brown education is not a factor in the admission decision. The policy's basic premise is that a family's financial need will never be a disadvantage in the admission process. This has allowed us to further open our doors to students who might previously have thought an Ivy League education was out of reach. Brown is committed to maintaining a student body that is strong in intellect, diverse in character and driven to achieve. Any student who possesses these qualities should have the opportunity to study at Brown. The need-blind policy further underscores this commitment.

For more information regarding Brown's financial aid initiatives, please visit [finaid.brown.edu](https://finaid.brown.edu).

Use these calculators to help students and their families determine their family contribution: [brown.edu/go/estimate](https://brown.edu/go/estimate).

## Typical Financial Aid Offer for Scholarship-Eligible First-Years – Class of 2028



- Scholarship \$58,822
- Parent Contribution \$27,702
- Work Opportunity \$2,950
- Student Contribution \$2,700



## \$214.8M

Amount of need-based scholarship anticipated for the 2024-25 year

## 100%

of each student's demonstrated financial need is met by Brown

## 100%

of students receiving University Scholarship have NO LOANS in their initial aid offer

## \$0

Parent responsibility for most families with less than \$60,000 in annual income

## 46%

of the Class of 2028 received need-based scholarship or grant aid

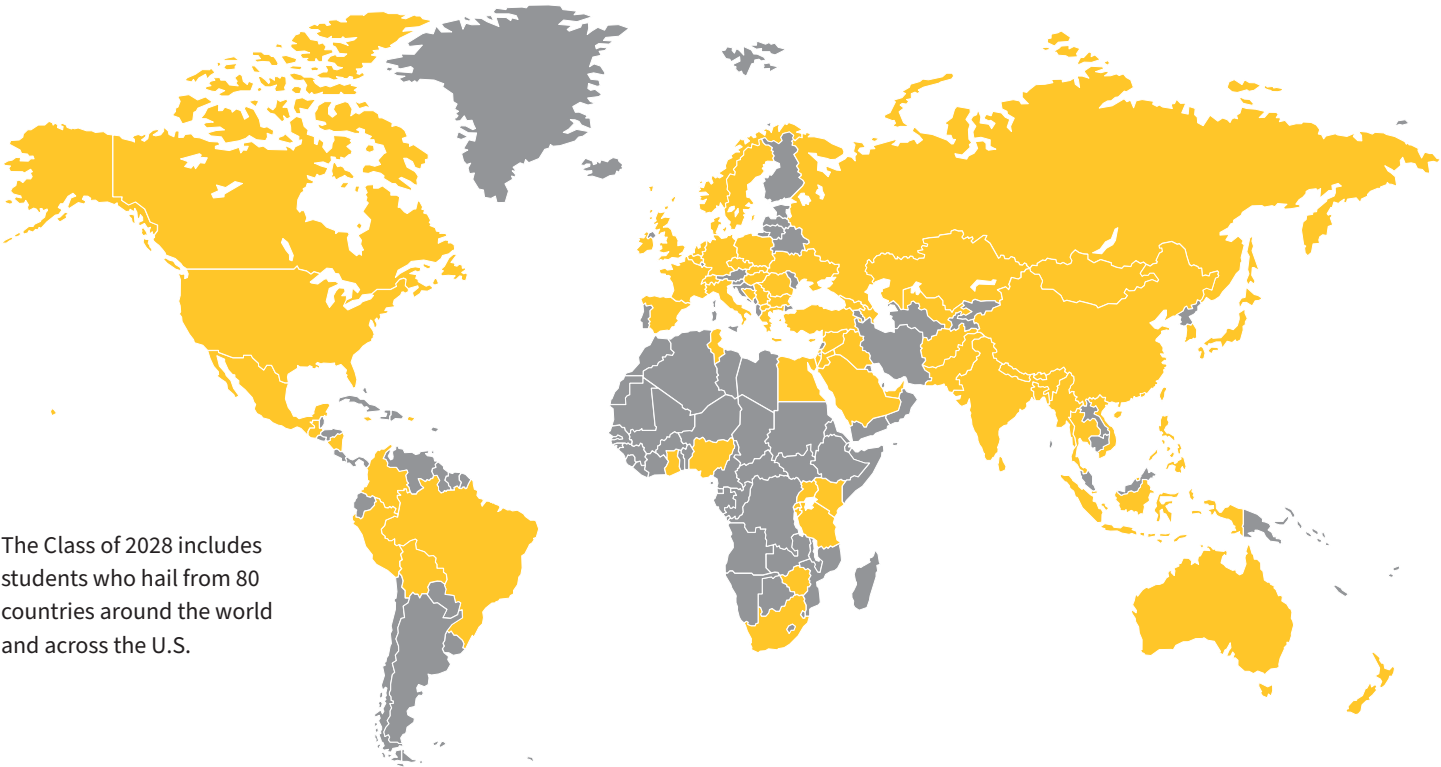
## \$58,822

The average need-based scholarship and grant award for students in the Class of 2028

# Class of 2028 Profile

Data as of September 13, 2024

## Geographic Breakdown



The Class of 2028 includes students who hail from 80 countries around the world and across the U.S.

## First-Year Demographic and Academic Breakdown

- 56% Public school
- 34% Private school
- 10% Parochial school
- 50% Female
- 50% Male
- 14% International citizens
- 14% First-generation college-bound
- 49% Students of color

SAT Ranges		
For first-year admitted students who submitted SAT scores		
	EVIDENCE-BASED READING AND WRITING	MATH
750-800	73.8%	88.9%
700-740	23.4%	8.8%
650-690	2.1%	1.6%
BELOW 650	0.8%	0.7%
The middle 50 percent of admitted students scored between 1520 and 1570 on the Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing portions of the SAT.		

ACT Ranges (composite)	
For first-year admitted students who submitted ACT scores	
35-36	72.1%
32-34	23.9%
29-31	2.9%
BELOW 29	1.1%
The middle 50 percent of admitted students scored between 34 and 36 on the ACT.	

92%

of admitted students were in the top 10% of their graduating class (from schools providing class rank).

### Special Programs

- Brown|RISD  
953 applicants  
14 enrolled
- PLME  
4,251 applicants  
63 enrolled

80+

undergraduate concentrations — or you can design your own.

### Brown's Open Curriculum

Brown's rigorous Open Curriculum provides flexibility for students and pushes them to become creative thinkers and entrepreneurial problem solvers by eliminating core requirements outside of the concentration. Learn more: [brown.edu/go/open-curriculum](https://brown.edu/go/open-curriculum)



# Applying to Brown

## Note to Counselors

1. **Early Decision:** We are a single-choice, binding Early Decision program. Students admitted Early Decision to Brown are committed to attend and must withdraw all Regular Decision applications as well as any pending applications to non-binding early programs.
2. **Video Introduction (optional):** The video introduction provides students an opportunity to tell us more about themselves beyond their application. Sharing a brief video (no more than two minutes long) is a helpful way for students to show us who they are and why they are interested in attending Brown.
3. **Alumni Engagement:** While we do not offer alumni interviews, we will offer opportunities for applicants to interact with alumni, both in person and virtually, throughout the year. The Office of College Admission will notify applicants of those events as they arise.
4. **Course Selection:** Selecting courses is an individual process, and we cannot advise on a student's specific schedule. However, we encourage students to take the most challenging curriculum available to them in five major subject areas (English, science, math, social science/history, foreign language). Students should challenge themselves academically, and we are fully aware that every curriculum is different.
5. **Fee Waiver:** As part of our commitment to make a Brown University education accessible to students from all income backgrounds, Brown is making automatic application fee waivers available to more students. Brown will automatically waive the application fee for any student who is enrolled in or eligible for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch program (FRPL), as well as students who are enrolled in federal, state or local programs that aid students from low-income families (e.g., TRIO Programs). Additionally, Brown will automatically waive the application fee for any student who belongs to a community-based organization or college access organization that promotes educational opportunity for low-income students. Brown will continue to honor fee waiver request forms from the College Board, NACAC and school counselors.
6. **Slate.org:** This free platform strengthens communication among undergraduate admission offices, school counselors, community based organizations (CBOs) and students during the college search and application process. School counselors and CBO counselors can upload materials directly for applicants in addition to tracking their application status and decisions. We encourage you to create a Slate.org account if you do not already have one.

## Important Dates

### EARLY DECISION

#### November 1

Early Decision application deadline

#### Mid-December

Early Decision letters available online

### REGULAR DECISION

#### January 3

Regular Decision application deadline

#### March 27

Regular Decision letters available online

#### May 1

Commitment deadline for Regular Decision candidates

## Special Programs for Prospective Applicants

Students applying to these programs must select the appropriate degree option when completing our member page in the Common Application.

### Program in Liberal Medical Education: eight-year program

Brown's Program in Liberal Medical Education (PLME) offers a unique opportunity to join undergraduate and professional studies in medicine in an eight-year program. By combining the College's Open Curriculum with the Warren Alpert Medical School's competency-based curriculum, the PLME encourages students of medicine to pursue their interests in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences in depth even as they prepare for their careers as physicians. For more information, visit [brown.edu/go/plme](https://brown.edu/go/plme).

*Students interested in the program may apply to PLME during Early Decision or Regular Decision.*

### Brown|RISD: five-year program

The Brown|RISD Dual Degree Program draws on the complementary strengths of Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) to provide students with a range of opportunities to develop and integrate academic and artistic work. Students may receive a bachelor of arts (A.B.) degree from Brown and a bachelor of fine arts (BFA) degree from RISD. For more information, visit: [risd.brown.edu](https://risd.brown.edu). Students admitted to the program will be notified during Regular Decision regardless of the round in which they apply.

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