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Counselor Newsletter

The 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 →](#)

Class of 2030 First-Year Applicant Overview

47,944

total applications

890

Early Decision admits

2,688

total admits

6%

admit rate

1,742

first-year students



What's New at Brown University



Brown's new all-season, climate-controlled turf facility **Penner Field House** provides practice and playing space for varsity, club and intramural athletes in football, lacrosse, soccer and rugby, as well as a dedicated strength and conditioning area for individual workouts and team training.

[Read more about the turf facility →](#)



Students and families begin their visit to Brown at the **Galen V. Henderson Admission Welcome Center**, which opened last fall in historic Manning Hall. The center features a beautiful new map of campus, photography and other media. [Read about the Welcome Center →](#)



While career exploration has long been an essential part of Brown's Open Curriculum, the newly named **Lizzie and Jonathan Tisch Center for Career Exploration** continues to expand its opportunities to support students' professional development and help students discover and navigate a variety of career pathways. [Visit the Tisch Center website →](#)



The **Thomas J. Watson School of International and Public Affairs**, built on a more than 40-year history of policy work at Brown, is now in its second year, offering teaching and research expertise in vital areas including global security, international economic development, border security, economic and social inequality, and energy and climate policy.

[Visit the Watson School website →](#)



The **Bridge Scholars Program**, a free six-week hybrid summer leadership institute, admitted its second cohort. With a focus on first-generation college students and others with limited college exposure, the program helps students build a strong and supportive community.

[Visit the Bridge Scholars website →](#)

Testing in Context

Brown requires the SAT or ACT as part of the application process. Brown evaluates the whole student by considering test scores for each student within the context from 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.

[Learn more →](#)

Financial Aid

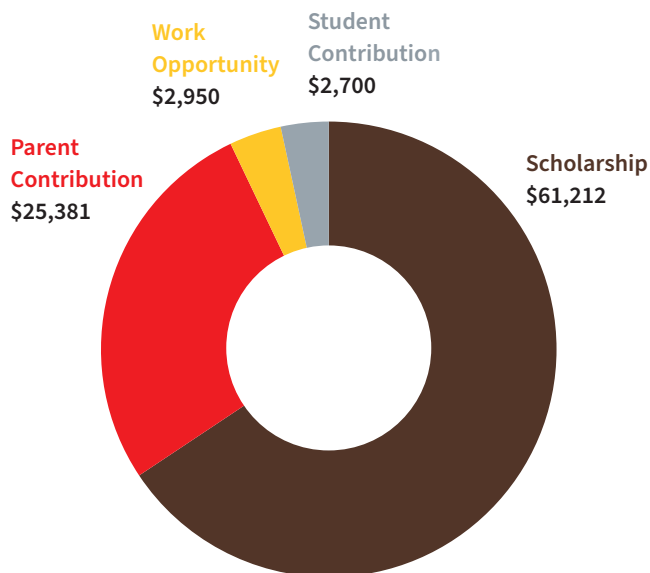
We strongly believe that a Brown education should be accessible to all regardless of their economic background. Brown has a need-blind policy for all first-year applicants regardless of citizenship status.

Need-blind admission means that a student's ability to pay for a Brown education is not a factor in the admission decision. A family's financial need will never be a disadvantage in the admission process. This has allowed the University to further open its doors to students who might previously have thought a Brown 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.

- Use these calculators to help students and their families determine their family contribution: brown.edu/go/estimate.

Typical Financial Aid Offer for Scholarship-Eligible First-Years



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

48%

of the first-year class received need-based scholarship or grant aid

\$0

tuition cost* for most families with less than \$125,000 in annual income, with typical assets

\$31,031

average family responsibility for first-year students receiving aid



All first-year student financial aid data averaged across the classes of 2027, 2028 and 2029

*Full cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, housing and meals

Class of 2030 Profile

Most Popular Concentrations

Economics, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Biology, Political Science, International and Public Affairs, Neuroscience, Health and Human Biology, Environmental Sciences and Studies, Mechanical Engineering, Applied Mathematics

High School Type

55% Public school **11%** Parochial school
34% Private school

97% of admitted students were in the top 10% of their graduating class (from schools providing class rank)

SAT Ranges

For first-year admitted students who submitted SAT scores

	Evidence-based reading and writing	Math
750-800	57.9%	72.7%
700-740	30.7%	16.0%
650-690	6.8%	6.8%
Below 650	4.6%	4.5%

The middle 50% of admitted students scored between 1470 and 1550 combined on the Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing portions of the SAT.

ACT Ranges

For first-year admitted students who submitted ACT scores

	With science	With or without science
35-36	57.1%	59.8%
32-34	33.2%	31.8%
29-31	6.8%	5.9%
Below 29	3.0%	2.5%

The middle 50% of admitted students scored between 34 and 36 on the ACT (both composites).

Geography

The Class of 2030 includes students from all 50 states as well as Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

Brown|RISD Dual Degree 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://visit.risd.brown.edu)

856

applicants

20

enrolled

Program in Liberal Medical Education (PLME)

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://visit.brown.edu/go/plme).

4,687

applicants

50

enrolled



Applying to Brown

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 90 seconds 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, world 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

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| → November 1
Early Decision
application deadline | → Mid-December
Early Decision letters
available online |
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REGULAR DECISION

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| → January 5
Regular Decision
application deadline | → May 1
Commitment deadline
for Regular Decision
candidates |
| → March 31
Regular Decision letters
available online | |

Applying to Special Programs

Students applying to the Brown|RISD Dual Degree Program or PLME must select the appropriate degree option when completing Brown's member page in the Common Application. Students admitted to the Brown|RISD program will be notified during Regular Decision regardless of the round in which they apply.

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



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