



About the WAITLIST...

What does it mean to be on the waitlist? As we selected candidates for the Class of 2027, the Board of Admission identified very talented students we believe would be superb members of the Brown community, but whom we were unable to admit because of the small size of our entering class. The Board voted to offer each of those students a place on Brown's waitlist. If spaces in our entering class are available after our May 1 response deadline, we will be pleased to make additional admission offers to students on our waitlist. *Please note, however, that all spaces in the Program in Liberal Medical Education have already been filled.*

How do I commit to the waitlist? Beginning on March 30, you will be able to commit to the waitlist through the same online system you used to check your decision. Please navigate to your [Brown Applicant Portal](#), where you will see the option to either commit to or withdraw from the waitlist.

How many students are on the waitlist? We expect 1,000-1,500 students to accept our waitlist invitation. Only students who have affirmed their place on our waitlist will be considered for admission if spaces become available.

How many students will be admitted from the waitlist? The number of students admitted from the waitlist will depend on how many students accept our initial offers of admission by our May 1 response deadline. In recent years, the number of waitlist spaces available in an incoming class has ranged from 15 to 120.

Are students "ranked" on the waitlist? We do not rank students on the waitlist. If spaces become available after May 1, the Board of Admission will review and reconsider every candidate who has opted to remain on our waitlist.

Is it helpful to the Board of Admission if I send additional information, have additional letters written on my behalf, or visit campus to speak with an admission officer? Additional materials or new recommendation letters are not necessary unless you or your recommenders are providing information that was not available to us during our original deliberations. You may upload new information through your [Brown Applicant Portal](#), and recommenders may send letters to documents@brown.edu. We regret that we are not able to offer staff interviews or individual conversations with waitlisted students.

When will I know if Brown is able to offer me admission? If spaces are available, we expect to begin making admission offers to students on our waitlist by mid-May, and waitlist activity will likely conclude by mid-summer. Students offered a space from the waitlist will be given one to two weeks to reply to the offer of admission.

Is it appropriate for me to commit to attend another college by their reply date if I am hoping to be admitted to Brown later? It is very important that you make a college choice by their reply date, even as you are awaiting a final decision from Brown about your waitlist status. All institutions expect that some students who commit by May 1 will be admitted from waitlists at other colleges, and will need to withdraw from their previous commitments.

If I am admitted from the waitlist at another college before I hear from Brown, will the Brown admission office be able to accelerate a decision concerning my candidacy? Unfortunately, we are unable to make waitlist decisions on an ad hoc basis. Many colleges understand that you are waiting for other possible waitlist offers and may be willing to extend their commitment deadlines.

If I am offered admission from the waitlist, may I defer my enrollment? Students admitted from the waitlist are expected to enroll at Brown in the fall following their offer of admission.

If I am offered admission from the waitlist, will I still be eligible for financial aid? As long as you have a complete financial aid application on file, you will remain eligible for financial aid. Financial aid policies for non-US citizens remain consistent as they are detailed [here](#).

May I remain on the waitlist after the process has concluded, in case a place in the entering class becomes available later on? Admission for the upcoming year will conclude with any final waitlist offers by mid-summer. All waitlist candidates will be notified of their final decision status no later than early August.