CARE

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC RETENTION AND ENHANCEMENT

The Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE) at Florida State University contributes to the successful retention and graduation of undergraduate students who have been traditionally underrepresented in higher education.

THE CARE SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

The CARE Summer Bridge Program (SBP) provides a comprehensive program of orientation and academic support, designed to ease the transition from high school to college while building a strong academic foundation. Applicants selected to participate in SBP will be first-generation college students from limited income families (eligible for Federal Pell Grant) who have demonstrated commitment to educational goals. All tuition & fees, meals, housing, health insurance, transportation, books & supplies will be covered by financial aid for students in SBP.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

- Live together in campus housing during the first summer term, along with FSU students who serve as peer counselors and mentors.
- Receive comprehensive orientation programming, learn about academic requirements, and take seven credit hours of college coursework in the first summer term.
- Engage with key university faculty, staff, and administrators who become part of the student's support system throughout their time at FSU.
- Participate in cultural enrichment activities and have fun while making lifelong friends.

During your first summer term, you will learn effective study habits and time management skills. When you return in the fall, you will be familiar with student life and comfortable with campus living.

FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION DEADLINES

Your CARE application and all supporting documents required for the CARE Summer Bridge Program must be received by your preferred decision plan. At least one test score must be submitted before the application deadline, but additional tests may be considered if provided by the test score deadline. Test scores from February are the last exams that can be used for admissions purposes. We encourage students to complete their application as soon as possible due to limited space availability within the CARE Summer Bridge Program.

APPLICATION PLAN	APPLICATION DEADLINE	TEST SCORE DEADLINE	DECISION RELEASE DATE
Early Action (Florida Students Only)	October 15, 2023	December 1, 2023	December 14, 2023
Regular Decision (All Students)	December 1, 2023	January 1, 2024	February 15, 2024
Rolling Decision (All Students)	March 1, 2024	March 1, 2024	Released on a Rolling Basis in Early April

CARE SUMMER BRIDGE REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a first-generation-in-college student
- Complete all the minimum academic courses as determined by the state of Florida
- Meet Florida residency requirements
- Qualify for the Pell Grant as determined by the FAFSA for the 2023–2024 aid year

HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1—APPLY AT *ADMISSIONS.FSU.EDU*

◊ To apply for the CARE Summer Bridge Program, students should select **Yes** to the question **"Are you interested in applying to the CARE Summer Bridge Program?"** on the admissions application and complete the separate CARE supplemental application on the Application Status Check. For detailed information about the CARE Summer Bridge Program and eligibility requirements, visit *care.fsu.edu/transition-programs/summer-bridge-program*.

STEP 2—LOG INTO THE APPLICATION STATUS CHECK

After submitting the application, you will gain access to your Application Status Check at *fla.st/statuscheck*. *(Note: If you apply using the Common App, you will receive an email within 2-3 business days that provides instructions for accessing your Application Status Check.)* On the Application Status Check, you will:

◊ **Self-report all of your test scores.**
◊ **Link your Self-Reported Student Academic Record (SSAR). Please allow 2-3 business days after linking for the checklist item to be satisfied.**
◊ **Upload your essay and resume/list of activities.**
◊ **Complete and submit the 2023-24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).**

Additional supplemental applications or checklist items may be added to your checklist. This is why it is important for students to monitor the Application Status Check throughout the application process.