



Hot Metal Bridge Post-Baccalaureate Program

This two-semester post-baccalaureate fellowship program is designed to help talented students from groups traditionally underrepresented in their academic disciplines, including first-generation graduate students and those from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds, to bridge the gap between an undergraduate degree and a graduate training program. Fellows enjoy financial support and mentoring by both faculty and graduate students as they prepare themselves for a successful program of doctoral studies. Of those who have completed the program since 2011, 80% have gone on to graduate studies at Pitt and elsewhere.

The featured programs for academic year 2019–2020 are:

Humanities: History of Art and Architecture

Natural Sciences: Biological Sciences; Chemistry; Neuroscience; Psychology

Social Sciences: Anthropology; Economics

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who hold a Bachelor's degree, are highly motivated, and show strong academic promise but are not quite ready to apply to a doctoral program in their chosen discipline. Through rigorous and extensive course offerings and mentored research opportunities, students will prepare themselves for doctoral study. HMB Fellows will get to know our faculty, our programs, and the wider academic community.

Each fellow will be matched with a faculty mentor and a graduate student mentor in their academic field. The Fellows also form a small, supportive community across the disciplines and participate in cross-departmental mentoring events. Fellows will enroll in a fulltime load of between 9 and 12 graduate or upper-division undergraduate credits per term, often in a combination of formal courses and directed research. If they decide to apply to our doctoral programs (and we hope they will) and if they gain admission, up to 12 graduate credits may be counted towards degree requirements with department approval; alternatively, certain degree requirements may be waived.



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