Applicants to Columbia’s Bridge to the Ph.D. Program must have:

- U.S. citizenship or permanent residency;
- a four-year degree from an accredited college or university (students who will graduate with a four-year degree in the spring of 2017 are also eligible);
- a minimum GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale;
- a demonstrated commitment to applying to Ph.D. programs within two years of beginning the Program.

The Bridge Program strongly encourages applicants from historically underrepresented groups, including but not limited to:

- Blacks/African Americans;
- Hispanics;
- Native Americans/Alaska Natives;
- Pacific Islanders.

To apply to the Bridge Program, please submit the following:

- a cover letter introducing yourself and your application;
- a current curriculum vitae;
- official transcripts from every institution you have attended;
- a two-page statement of intent (double-spaced). Your statement must include:
  - your qualifications, including prior research experience,
  - your scholarly interests,
  - your long-term education and career goals, and
  - evidence of your commitment to fostering diversity in the natural sciences.
  - several Columbia faculty members you are interested in working with.
- two letters of recommendation. **At least one should be from someone who can comment on your laboratory skills and/or research abilities, and both letters should preferably be from research mentors or academic instructors.** These letters can be emailed or mailed separately from the rest of the application.

We prefer that complete applications be emailed to cubridgeapplications@gmail.com. Do not hesitate to contact us at this email address if you have any questions!

Applications can also be mailed to the following address:
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