



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS QUESTBRIDGE ADMISSION FALL 2017

As one of the first three schools to join the QuestBridge Match Program, Rice University is pleased by the prospect of getting to know you. Our individualized, holistic admission review process examines each applicant's academic prowess, creativity, motivation, unique talents, leadership potential, and life experiences. Admission decisions are need-blind for U.S. citizens, permanent residents, DACA students and undocumented students who have lived in the U.S. for an extended period of time. For international citizens who live outside the U.S. and for those living in the U.S. with a valid visa, admission decisions are need-aware.

Read the following instructions thoroughly. Information regarding application requirements is included in this document, as well as additional instructions about applying to the Rice/Baylor Medical Scholars Program, the School of Architecture, and The Shepherd School of Music.

Feel free to contact our office should you have any questions about our application process. We look forward to reading your application soon.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

All QuestBridge applicants are free to apply to Rice with the QuestBridge Application and the Rice QuestBridge Application Supplement. QuestBridge participants are automatically eligible for a waiver of our \$75 application fee. Those who apply to Rice with the QuestBridge Application required to submit the Rice QuestBridge Application Supplement.

A complete application file to Rice University consists of the following:

- The QuestBridge Application (including one teacher and one counselor recommendation)
- The Rice QuestBridge Application Supplement
- Official high school transcript(s)
- Official test scores sent directly from the testing agency. All freshman applicants for Fall 2017 must submit at least one of the following:
 - » The old SAT (Reading, Math, and Writing) and two SAT Subject Tests in fields related to their proposed area of study
 - » The new, redesigned SAT (Reading/Writing/Language and Math - SAT Essay is optional) and two Subject Tests in fields related to their proposed area of study
 - » The ACT (Writing is optional)
- Rice QuestBridge Midyear Report Form and Official Transcript (as soon as senior midyear grades become available)

Even if you already submitted an official high school transcript and an official SAT or ACT score report to QuestBridge, you must now submit these items directly to Rice University in order to complete the application process.

International applicants must also submit:

- The Rice International Student Financial Statement
- Supporting Financial Documentation
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for students whose first language or language of instruction is not English

CONFIDENTIALITY

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, only matriculated students have access to their permanent records.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Please complete and postmark the Rice QuestBridge Application Supplement by **November 1** for the College Match Program and for Early Decision. **January 1** is the deadline for Regular Decision consideration (see www.questbridge.org/college-partners/rice-university/application_requirements). Applicants to The Shepherd School of Music must apply by **December 1**.

Note that QuestBridge students interested in applying to the Rice/Baylor Medical Scholars Program must submit the Rice QuestBridge Application Supplement and the Rice/Baylor Medical Scholars Application to Rice by **December 1** to be considered for that program (see further instructions in this document). All materials should be sent to the Office of Admission.

DECISION PLANS

If you do not match with Rice University as a QuestBridge Scholar, but you still want your application reviewed for admission to Rice, you are required to select a decision plan on the QuestBridge Decision Plan Verification Form. Any change in your decision plan requires immediate notification in writing to the Office of Admission.

If you do not match with any of the partner colleges, we welcome your application to Rice University under one of our other decision plans, Early Decision or Regular Decision. In addition to the QuestBridge application and the Rice QuestBridge Application Supplement, you must also submit the Rice QuestBridge Decision Plan Verification Form available at <http://admission.rice.edu/QuestBridge>.

APPLICATION STATUS

You will be notified via email how to access your Rice Admission Student Portal which is designed to assist you in tracking our receipt of your application materials and to communicate your final admission decision. The only valid notification of an admission decision is a formal communication from the Dean for Undergraduate Enrollment.

Rice University reserves the right to close your application if you are admitted under a binding Early Decision plan at another institution.

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Enrolling students must complete a high school diploma (or equivalent). Sixteen college preparatory credits are required, including a minimum of four years of English, three years of math, two years of the same foreign language, two years of social studies, two years of laboratory science (excluding physical science), and three additional years of college preparatory courses of the student's choosing. Applicants to the natural sciences and engineering schools must take advanced high school math (either trigonometry, elementary analysis, or precalculus) and chemistry and physics (a second year of chemistry or biology may be substituted for physics). high school math (either trigonometry, elementary analysis, or

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precalculus) and chemistry and physics (a second year of chemistry or biology may be substituted for physics).

Successful applicants generally have taken 20 or more college preparatory courses in high school, many at the college level.

SCHOOLS OF STUDY

All applicants must indicate an intended school of study from among the following: architecture, engineering, humanities, music, natural sciences, or social sciences.

You should apply to the school that most accurately reflects your strengths and interests. Keep in mind that the choice of school you make as an applicant does not limit the courses you can take at Rice, and transfers from one division to another are common. (Transferring into the music or architecture schools requires faculty approval.) Students admitted to The Shepherd School of Music must pursue the music program for at least one year before changing schools.

Visit <http://admission.rice.edu/Academics> for more information about Rice's schools of study.

MUSIC APPLICANTS

Students interested in applying to The Shepherd School of Music may **only** apply Regular Decision and must submit their application and request an audition by December 1. An audition or preliminary recording is required for all music performance applicants. Applicants to The Shepherd School of Music are not eligible for QuestBridge College Match or Early Decision consideration.

To arrange appointments and obtain further details, contact Phyllis Smith, Admissions Assistant (email: pws2@rice.edu) or Geoffrey Scott, Director of Music Admissions (email: geoffrey.scott@rice.edu), Rice University, Shepherd School of Music-MS 532, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892; telephone 713-348-4854.

For more information:

<http://music.rice.edu/undergraduate/index.shtml>

ARCHITECTURE APPLICANTS

A portfolio of creative artwork is required for all applicants to the School of Architecture. Submission is limited to a 10 MB PowerPoint presentation of up to ten slides (more than one image per slide is acceptable) with .JPG, .JPEG, or .GIF images only. No image should exceed 1024x768 pixel resolution and 96 dpi. Sound and animation are not permitted. The file should be labeled with the applicant's name (example: JohnDoe.ppt). Note that submissions exceeding these specifications will not be accepted.

The portfolio should demonstrate creative potential and is not expected to be architectural in focus nor professional in quality. It may include examples of sketches, paintings, photography, models, etc. Examples of mechanical or computer drafting are strongly discouraged. The preferred method of submission is directly to the Rice Admission Student Portal using the Upload Materials tool. If submission through the Student Portal is not an option, you may email it to riceapps@rice.edu. The School of Architecture does not accept CDs or DVDs.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

All freshman applicants for Fall 2017 must take one of the following:

(a) the old SAT (Reading, Math, and Writing) and two SAT Subject Tests in fields related to their proposed area of study **or** (b) the new, redesigned SAT (Reading/Writing/Language and Math - SAT Essay is optional) and two Subject Tests in fields related to their proposed area of study **or** (c) the ACT (Writing is optional).

Rice uses the highest scores from any sitting on the same version of the SAT in order to consider each applicant's most positive test results. Recognizing that this policy could disadvantage those students who cannot afford repeated testing or expensive test prep coaching, we believe a comprehensive testing history provides us with the appropriate context required for making a fair judgment of what the test scores mean in a holistic admission process. Therefore, we require all applicants submitting the SAT to submit all scores to Rice.

The ACT's definition of a composite score is the average of the four multiple-choice scale scores from a single administration of the exam. Therefore, it is Rice's policy to use the highest ACT composite score in admission consideration from a single administration.

If a candidate submits both an SAT and an ACT score, the committee will consider the test that best enhances the application. Rice does not require a minimum score on these tests.

Scores must be sent directly to Rice from the testing agency. Rice's College Board code is 6609; our ACT code is 4152.

Applicants whose first language and language of instruction is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

If you are submitting IELTS score(s), the minimum acceptable score is 7. If you are submitting TOEFL scores, the minimum acceptable score is 600 on the paper-based test or 100 on the Internet-based test. TOEFL uses Rice's College Board code, which is 6609.

RICE UNIVERSITY/BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The medical scholars program allows up to 6 freshman candidates to be accepted to Rice and to Baylor College of Medicine directly from high school. This is not an accelerated medical program; it is a normal four-year undergraduate and four-year medical school experience. Students selected for this program may major in any discipline while at Rice. Upon graduation from Rice, students continue their education at Baylor College of Medicine.

Students who wish to be considered for the Rice/Baylor Program must submit the QuestBridge Application, the Rice QuestBridge Application Supplement, the Rice QuestBridge Decision Plan Verification Form, the Rice/Baylor Medical Scholars Application and all supporting documentation to Rice by December 1, 2016. The Rice/Baylor Application is available on our website at http://futureowls.rice.edu/futureowls/Medical_Scholars.asp.

Keep in mind that applicants admitted to Rice under the Early Decision plan must commit to Rice by January 1, regardless of the Baylor decision to be made later in the spring.

All finalists for the Rice/Baylor Program, including QuestBridge matched students, are notified in March and are expected to interview at Baylor College of Medicine in April on the designated interview date. Rice/Baylor Scholars are announced by the end of April.

Students admitted to Rice but not selected for the Rice/Baylor Medical Scholars Program may still apply to Baylor College of Medicine or any other medical school following their Rice undergraduate experience.