

(e) FY27 One-Time Request: Summer Bridge

The priority of the **Summer Bridge Program** is to help students transition successfully into college by equipping them with the academic, social, and personal skills needed to thrive. Summer BRIDGE is designed to create a strong foundation for incoming students—especially those who may be first generation or from underrepresented backgrounds—by offering targeted resources, supportive networks, and meaningful engagement opportunities before their first semester begins.

Our goal is to ensure that students enter college feeling **prepared, connected, and confident**. The program emphasizes academic readiness through structured coursework and skill-building workshops, while also fostering a sense of belonging by building peer-to-peer relationships and connecting students with faculty, staff, and campus partners.

In previous years, Summer BRIDGE has collaborated with key campus departments such as Academic Advising, Writing and Math Centers, Career Services, Counseling and Psychological Services, and Student Success Initiatives. These collaborations allow students to experience a **holistic model of support**—one that combines academic preparation with wellness, professional development, and community-building.

The goals of **Summer Bridge** are:

- To provide early exposure to college-level coursework, study strategies, and campus resources.
- To increase persistence and retention by strengthening academic skills and self-efficacy before the start of the fall semester.
- To promote a supportive and inclusive environment where students develop strong connections with peers, mentors, and the campus community.
- To foster personal growth through leadership development, service learning, and engagement opportunities.

Summer BRIDGE helps students and their families navigate the transition into higher education while creating a pathway for long-term success. As the program continues to evolve, we aim to expand collaborations with faculty, staff, and community partners, ensuring that students are empowered not only to succeed academically but also to thrive socially, emotionally, and professionally throughout their college journey.

DSA Strategic Initiative

- Increase Retention of First Time in College (FTIC) students
- Promote increased student credit hours and GPA for FTIC
- Increase the retention rate of Pell-eligible FTIC graduate students.

On Campus Meal Service	\$5000.00
Speakers	\$1,400.00
Curriculum Materials	\$350.00
On Campus Housing	\$13,750.00
Marketing/Merch	\$500.00

Summer Mixer	\$1,000.00
Subtotal	\$21,000.00
6% Administration Fee	\$1,260.00
Total Requested Amount	\$22,260.00