

Bridge Email - Invite

Hi [First_Name],

Recently you were mailed a postcard inviting you to apply to the LSAMP Summer Scholars bridge program for this fall! **LSAMP Summer Scholars is a FREE 10-day bridge program** for incoming underrepresented minorities in STEM majors. I just wanted to follow up with you to encourage you to pursue this unique leadership development and community building opportunity. Through the LSAMP Summer Scholars program, you will:

- Go whitewater rafting on the McKenzie River
- Meet other first year students pursuing STEM degrees at OSU
- Tour various lab facilities on campus and get connected to research faculty and opportunities
- Have the opportunity to join a funded first year research program, STEM Leaders
- Get connected to a mentor to guide you through your first year
- And so much more!

[Apply online](#) by June 1st for full consideration! Due to generous university funding, this program is completely **FREE** to participate in. LSAMP Summer Scholars arrive on campus on Thursday, September 8th and live together for the duration of the program, through Saturday, September 17th.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks!

Bridge Email - Accepted

CONGRATULATIONS, [First_Name]!

You've been accepted to the **2016 LSAMP Summer Scholars program!** We had our largest applicant pool this year and you were very competitive! We are so excited to host you on campus from Thursday, September 8th – Saturday, September 17th. Throughout the summer you will receive information from us regarding your arrival and participation in the LSAMP SS program. **But first, there is one task I need you to complete ASAP.**

[Complete the 2016 LSAMP Summer Scholars Participant Confirmation form online by July 1st to secure your spot in the program.](#) **This form will serve as confirmation of your acceptance to the program,** and will allow us to get valuable information from you as we move forward with planning for your arrival.

Program information:

- Check-in will be from 12pm – 3pm on Thursday, September 8th. This will be followed by a brief family reception.
- You will move in to Bloss Hall as a group for the first part of the program.
- On Wednesday, September 14th, we will assist you in moving to your permanent housing on campus
 - When you check in to the program, you can do one of two things:
 - Bring all of your items that you will need for the year with you, move them in to Bloss Hall, only unpack what you will need during the program, and move everything to your permanent housing on the day specified above; OR
 - Bring only what you need for the duration of the program with you to check-in and arrange for your parents/family members to bring the rest of your stuff after the program has ended to help you move in to your permanent housing (Sunday, September 18th)
- Program is FREE of charge due to generous funding from the University

Later this summer, you will receive information from me on what you will need to bring with you, the activities planned for the program, and more details regarding your arrival to campus.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO ARRANGE FOR EARLY ARRIVAL THROUGH UNIVERSITY HOUSING & DINING SERVICES. We will communicate with them once you've confirmed your participation in the program, and we will cover any early arrival fees that may be charged.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to contact me (staff email)

Thanks!

Bridge Email – Waitlisted

Dear [First_Name],

Thank you for applying to the LSAMP Summer Scholars program at Oregon State University! We had our largest number of applications to date and it was a very competitive pool. At this time, we have decided to place you on our waitlist. Our first round of accepted students have until July 1st to accept their spot and confirm their attendance. We will start notifying students who will be pulled off the waitlist and accepted to the program on July 5th.

For students who do not move up on the waitlist enough to be offered a spot in the program, we have LSAMP Academy, an orientation program that allows students to meet other members of our LSAMP Community and connect with valuable information to help you transition smoothly to OSU this fall. You will receive more information on LSAMP Academy later this summer. It will be an open, first come-first served program.

Again, thank you so much for applying and we will be in touch. Please don't hesitate to contact me (staff email) if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Bridge Email – Denied

Dear [First_Name],

Thank you for applying to the 2016 LSAMP Summer Scholars program at Oregon State University. We had our largest number of applications to date and it was an extremely competitive pool. We regret to inform you that you were not accepted to the LSAMP Summer Scholars program.

Students not attending LSAMP Summer Scholars can register for LSAMP Academy, an orientation program that allows students to meet other LSAMP students. LSAMP Academy will expose you to many of the opportunities and resources available to students at OSU, while also including some social activities. You will receive information later this summer on the LSAMP Academy program. It will be an open, first come-first served program.

Again, thank you so much for applying to our program and hopefully we'll see you in the fall at the LSAMP Academy or in our LSAMP Student Center in Johnson Hall. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Bridge Email – Prior to Arrival

Hi [First_Name],

Next month, you will be arriving on campus for the LSAMP Summer Scholars program! We are so excited to welcome you to campus and get started with the activities we have planned for you. Included in this email is important information regarding your arrival to campus and what to bring with you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Arrival and Move-in details

Check-in and move-in will run on Thursday, September 8th from 12pm – 3pm. You can arrive on campus during that time frame and check-in at Bloss Hall. Please refer to the [online campus map](#) to locate the hall (Bloss) and parking. We will have an unloading parking space available to you close the entrance of the Hall.

We will be hosting you and any family members that will be with you for a Welcome Reception immediately following move-in at 3:30pm in the LaSells Stewart Center. The Welcome Reception will include a brief presentation on the program as well as an introduction of staff and peer mentors. The Welcome Reception will conclude by 4:30pm at which time we will have a family send-off. The program will start as soon as that has concluded.

As a reminder, we will communicate directly with University Housing & Dining Services (UHDS) to arrange for your early arrival and pay those fees. You do not need to communicate this to UHDS – please complete all paperwork with UHDS as if you will be arriving on Sunday, September 18th.

Parking on campus

If you are planning to bring a vehicle to park on campus during the academic year, you will be required to have a valid OSU parking permit. This will need to be purchased before you arrive to campus for bridge. Parking permit information can be found [online](#) or by contacting the Parking Office at 541-737-2583. Sales for 2016-2017 annual permits will be open on September 1, 2016. We will have loading/unloading parking available in front of Bloss Hall for move-in. Parking once you've unloaded will be in the Parking Garage next to Bloss Hall and a visitor permit can be purchased on the premises for \$1/hour.

List of items to bring

Since all participants will be housed in Bloss Hall for most of the program, you have two options:

- Bring everything you plan to move in to your permanent housing when you check in for bridge. Student who do this are encouraged to only unpack items that will be needed during the program. We will assist students with moving their belongings to their permanent housing on Wednesday, September 14th; OR
- Bring only what you need for the program and arrange for your parents/family members/etc. to bring the rest of your items needed for the duration of the year after the program has concluded, on official move-in day, Sunday, September 18th.

Regardless of the option you choose, here is a list of items you will definitely need during the program:

- Bedding (Sheets, pillows, pillowcases, blankets, comforters, etc.)
- Bathing essentials (Towels, flip flops, toiletries, basket, etc.)
- Photo Identification (Including your OSU Student ID)

- Swimsuit for Rafting and Dixon Rec. Center (Rec. Center will provide wetsuits, water socks, and life vests for the rafting trip)
- Active wear clothing & shoes (comfortable clothing to wear while participating in active outdoor activities – High Ropes Challenge Course, etc.)
- Light jacket or hoodie for our trip to the Oregon Coast
- Sunscreen
- You may bring TV's, computers, and other electronics with you at this point, as you will be able to lock them in your room. We are not responsible for these items if they go missing – please make sure that you secure them as needed.

As a reference for what to bring for the year, please see the UHDS checklist for ideas of [what to bring](#) as well as items that are [prohibited in university housing](#).

We will work with University Housing & Dining Services to notify them of your early arrival – you do not need to communicate with them regarding this.

Peer Leaders

There will be 15 peer mentors that will be charged with making your transition to OSU go as smooth as possible. All of the peer mentors have participated in the bridge program previous and are upperclassmen in the LSAMP Program. If you'd like to learn more about our program and students, please [join the OSU LSAMP Facebook page](#).

Program Agenda

You will be participating in a number of activities during the ten-day program. Those activities will include white-water rafting, touring the OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center and the Newport Bay, completing the OSU Ropes Challenge Course, various community-building activities, tours of labs and research areas on campus as well as a chance to meet some of our faculty, and explore STEM majors. We will also offer workshops designed to help you navigate campus and utilize resources and opportunities available to you as a STEM student. There will be some free time for the group as well as some events where we may come together with other bridge programs on campus. We will give you a more detailed program schedule when you arrive on Thursday, September 8th. If you need assistance arriving to campus, due to flight and shuttle schedules, or will be arriving prior to our designated check-in time, please contact me to make arrangements.

Please continue to check this email account for any information/changes prior to your check-in as this will continue to be our primary means of communication. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to welcoming you to campus!

Thanks!