



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS QUESTBRIDGE ADMISSION FALL 2018

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 ability, 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.

### 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 Supplement are required to submit the Rice QuestBridge Application Supplement.

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

- The QuestBridge Application (including one counselor and two teacher recommendations)
- The Rice QuestBridge Application Supplement
- Official high school transcript(s)
- Standardized testing. All freshman applicants for Fall 2019 must submit at least one of the following:
  - » The SAT (Essay is optional)
  - » The ACT (Writing is optional)
- Rice QuestBridge Midyear Report Form and Official Transcript (as soon as senior midyear grades become available)

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 [questbridge.org/college-partners/rice-university/application-requirements](http://questbridge.org/college-partners/rice-university/application-requirements)). Applicants to The Shepherd School of Music must apply by **December 1**.

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 [admission.rice.edu/apply/freshman](http://admission.rice.edu/apply/freshman).

### 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 precalculus), 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 [rice.edu/academics](http://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/interview or preliminary submission is required for all music 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](mailto:pws2@rice.edu)) or Geoffrey Scott, Director of Music Admissions (email: [geoffrey.scott@rice.edu](mailto: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:

[music.rice.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-studies](http://music.rice.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-studies)

## ARCHITECTURE APPLICANTS

A portfolio of creative work is required for all applicants to the School of Architecture. The portfolio should demonstrate creative aptitude and potential and is not expected to be architectural in focus. The materials can include a variety of media, including freehand drawings/sketches, paintings, sculpture, photography/film, printmaking, graphic design, ceramics, theater design, installations, fashion design, etc. The work may have been produced as part of a formal course or independently. With the exception of work completed at college architecture discovery programs, the inclusion of drafting or CAD drawings is discouraged. In that regard, art courses are typically better preparation for architecture at Rice than drafting/architecture courses.

The School of Architecture does not accept CDs or DVDs. Submission is limited to a 15 MB PDF file of up to ten pages plus cover/title page with the applicant's name. More than one image per page is acceptable with .JPG, .JPEG, or .GIF images only. Page size should be horizontally oriented A4 or Letter (8.5"x11") and images should be between 150dpi and 300dpi in jpeg or tiff format. Captions of images with title, year of execution, media and size are encouraged. A one to two sentence description is also acceptable. All text should be in Arial or Helvetica typeface and background color should be either white or black. Sound and animation are not permitted. The file should be labeled with the applicant's name (example: JohnSmith.pdf).

The preferred method of submission is via 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](mailto:riceapps@rice.edu).

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

All freshman applicants must take one of the following: (a) the SAT (Essay is optional) **or** (b) the ACT (Writing is optional).

We will accept either self-reported or official scores from applicants attending U.S. high schools in the application process. Freshman applicants who will graduate from high schools outside the U.S. and all transfer applicants will be required to submit an official score report at the time of application. Admitted students who choose to enroll at Rice will be required to submit official test scores prior to matriculation.

When reviewing SAT scores, we use the highest score from each section across all administrations. For the ACT, we look at the best composite score and the best subscores, regardless of whether those subscores are from the administration where the best composite score was earned. We hope applicants will officially report all scores knowing that we will recombine the sections to get the best possible set of scores for each candidate.

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.

SAT Subject Tests are *recommended*, **not required** for all freshman applicants. Applicants who do not take the SAT Subject Tests will not be disadvantaged in the review process. Those who elect to take SAT Subject tests should submit official scores related to their proposed area of study as follows:

School of Study	Recommended Subjects
Engineering	Math + a science (preferably chemistry or physics)
Natural Science	Math + a science
Architecture	Any two Subject Tests
Humanities	Any two Subject Tests
Music	Any two Subject Tests
Social Science	Any two Subject Tests

Applicants whose first language is not English are required to demonstrate English proficiency, which can be achieved in one of two ways. Those who have received two years of full-time instruction in English at a high school or college are not required to submit English proficiency testing. Applicants who have not received two years of full-time instruction in English must submit official test scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The minimum acceptable score on the TOEFL Internet-based test is 100 or a 75 on the Paper-delivered test. The minimum acceptable score on the IELTS is 7.

**To be considered official, all scores must be sent directly from the testing organization.** Rice's College Board code is 6609, our ACT code is 4152, and our TOEFL code 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, 2018. The Rice/Baylor Application is available on our website at [admission.rice.edu/apply/freshman/ricebaylor-medical-scholars](http://admission.rice.edu/apply/freshman/ricebaylor-medical-scholars).

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.