



## Frequently Asked Questions for Providence Public School District (PPSD) Students

### Q. What is Brown Pre-College?

Each summer Brown University offers rigorous summer learning experiences on Brown's campus and across the globe to academically talented middle and high school students. Programs include Summer@Brown, the Leadership Institute, Brown Environmental Leadership Lab (BELL), On-Location Programs, Pre-Baccalaureate Program and Summer@Brown Online.

The sole program for middle school students is STEM for Rising 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Graders – the program is a two-week, non-credit residential program focused on STEM subjects and taught on Brown's campus.

### Q. Who is eligible for STEM for Rising 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders?

- Students completing grades 8 or 9 and are ages 14-15 by June 2020

### Q. Can I sign-up for a Brown Pre-College Program or do I have to be admitted?

Students interested in participating in a Brown Pre-College Program must submit an application and be admitted to the program they are interested in - admission is not guaranteed. (PPSD students should NOT use their PPSD email address to apply to the program.) When evaluating applications, the admissions team looks for academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, social maturity, self-motivation and a readiness for participation in an independent academic environment.

### Q. Do I have to pay the application fee?

No. Providence Public School District (PPSD) students do not have to pay the application fee. **There is an application fee waiver process built into the application.** PPSD students must indicate that they attend a Providence Public School District School and select the school they attend.

### Q. What is the typical profile of students who are admitted to a Brown Pre-College Program?

- Transcripts reflect primarily A's/B's in core course work
- Application essay reflects strong written communication skills
- Application and essay reflects intellectual curiosity, maturity and commitment to learning
- Applicant has interest in a specific course offered in one of the programs

### Q. Do I have to live on-campus or can I commute to the program?

Brown Pre-College programs are designed to provide students with a college experience which includes living in university housing. Summer@Brown and the Pre-Baccalaureate Program are the only programs that provide a commuter option. University housing is staffed by undergraduate Resident Assistants (RAs) who are supervised by graduate student Residence Hall Directors (RDs). The STEM for Rising 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Graders program is residential and does not have a commuter option.

## Financial Aid FAQ for PPSD Students

### Q. As a Providence Public School District student, how do I apply for financial aid?

If you are a PPSD student who is applying to a Brown Pre-College Program, a financial aid application will become available in the student portal if you are admitted to the program you applied to. The application does not require the submission of tax documentation, however, this information may be requested if it is needed to make a financial aid award decision.



**Q. How much financial aid will I receive?**

Scholarship awards are need-based and award amounts can vary from student to student, depending on the information submitted in the financial aid application. Scholarship awards can cover from 20% - 100% of billable program costs (tuition, room & board). For admitted students who qualify for our highest PPSD Scholarship award, the award will cover the full billable cost of the Stem for Rising 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Graders program.

Scholarships are not guaranteed, so it is important to apply for financial aid and review the financial aid decision. If you have questions or concerns about the decision, please contact us for more information or to submit a financial aid appeal.

**Q. If I am admitted, can I register in a course right away, or do I have to wait to receive a Financial Aid decision?**

Admitted PPSD students can register for a course right away, even while their financial aid application is under review. This increases the likelihood of students getting into the course of their choice. If the student does not receive sufficient financial aid to attend, the student can submit a financial aid appeal to [precollegescholarships@brown.edu](mailto:precollegescholarships@brown.edu) or can withdraw.

**Q. What are other costs that I should be aware of?**

**Program Costs**

While some PPSD students will be eligible for a full scholarship, a small number of PPSD students may need to pay all or a portion of tuition costs. Admitted students should refer to their financial aid decision letter for more information.

**Incidentals**

Residential students will have a housing and meal plan that provides for three meals per day. Brown Pre-College co-curricular activities are largely offered at no cost. However, students may need a small amount of spending money for incidentals such as laundry, snacks, etc.

**Q. My question is not answered here, who should I contact?**

For additional questions regarding financial aid and costs for Providence Public School District students, contact [precollegescholarships@brown.edu](mailto:precollegescholarships@brown.edu). Please make sure to mention that you are a PPSD student.