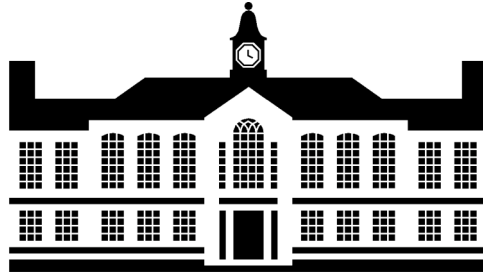


# Talent Development Program Information Packet



UNIVERSITY OF  
**Rhode Island**

**[http://www.uri.edu/talent\\_development/](http://www.uri.edu/talent_development/)**

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## **Talent Development Program at the University of Rhode Island**

### **Part 1 – TD Admission Requirements Summary**

1. Applications – ONLINE ONLY – can be filed from 10/1/09 until 2/1/10. Don't be Late. To Apply Online: go to the URI Undergraduate Admissions Website: <http://www.uri.edu/admission/>. Fill out the Common Application for undergraduate college admission.
2. Your Common Application will be designated as a Talent Development Application when you enter your TD Fee Code. The Common Application Fee is *waived* for TD Applications. See Part 4 for details.
3. Thirteen (13) Admissions Units are required for TD. See Part 2 for details.
4. CCRI Students should consult the TD/CCRI Transfer Policy. This information may be found on the TD website: [http://www.uri.edu/talent\\_development/](http://www.uri.edu/talent_development/)
5. SAT/ACT scores must be sent directly to the URI Admissions office from the College Board or ACT Testing Service.
6. Have your transcripts sent to URI Admissions.
7. An extensive personal statement is a mandatory part of your application.
8. One Letter of recommendation is required.
9. TD Prep Program: One Saturday in March or April. Date to be announced.
10. TD Pre-Matriculation Program. Dates to be announced. (Six weeks in late June through July subject to official approval of the URI Summer Calendar)
11. File your FAFSA Online in January. Don't wait and don't be late. FAFSA Website: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

## Part 2 – Description and Mission

In response to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968, and in recognition of the value of his work towards equality, a program for students of color and disadvantaged populations was established at the University of Rhode Island. From a class of thirteen students in 1968, Talent Development has grown to over 1300 current students and 1600 graduates.

TD ensures that the opportunity for higher education is possible for high school graduates and GED recipients from in-state who meet the University of Rhode Island's TD admissions requirements. This includes completion of the following admissions units:

- 4 units in English
- 3 units in Math (algebra I, algebra II and plane geometry)
- 2 units in physical or natural science with at least one lab
- 2 units in foreign language
- 2 units in history or social science
- 5 additional units are suggested

Prospective students who have been out of school for a period of time are also encouraged to apply. Staff will meet with any interested person to outline TD. We also accept CCRI transfers who have earned from 24-30 transferable credits with a 2.3 or above grade point average. Students at CCRI should consult the TD/CCRI Transfer Policy. This information may be found on the TD website:

[http://www.uri.edu\\_talent\\_development/](http://www.uri.edu_talent_development/).

The mission of the Talent Development Program (TD) at the University of Rhode Island is to recruit, support, and retain students of color and students of disadvantaged backgrounds who, without the support of Talent Development, could not expect to be admitted to the University. In keeping with Dr. King's dream, our mission is to ensure that deserving people, however excluded by historic oppression and life experiences, sit at the table of opportunity. Talent Development makes it possible for students to be accepted at the University, prepares students for full-time study at the college level, provides academic advisement and various support services through an assigned academic advisor, and assists with financial aid through the need-based Hardge-Forleo Grant. TD works with students from their pre-freshmen or pre-transfer summer through their senior year.

### Part 3 – Academic Support Services

All Talent Development students must successfully complete both the PREP and Pre-matriculation Programs.

The PREP Program takes place in the spring before students enter the Talent Development Pre-Mat Program. The purpose of PREP is to prepare students for a successful transition to the University. During PREP, students review and select Pre-Matriculation courses, register for new student orientation, receive information about housing contracts and meal plan applications, and review financial aid.

The Pre-Mat Program is six weeks in residence at the Kingston campus. Pre-Mat includes one week of intense course work in writing, computers and college study skills followed by a five-week session in which students take three University courses. Tutoring is provided as an integral part of the program. Students earn a total of eight credits in the Pre-Mat Program.

Along with the fees associated with University enrollment, the cost of the Pre-Mat Program is paid entirely by Talent Development. This includes the cost of courses, books, and room and meals when applicable. Students must earn grades of C or higher in each course in order to successfully complete the Pre-Mat Program and enter URI as a member of Talent Development.

Once students are admitted, Talent Development provides special academic advising, mid-semester evaluations with staff, career advising, and a strong student community. TD makes a serious commitment to each student accepted to the program. The staff provides as many tools as possible to ensure student success. TD is committed to knowing students well and helping them reach their goals.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is a current Talent Development policy that all T.D. students reside on the Kingston campus until the end of their sophomore year. This policy is subject to certain exceptions and upon appeal.

## Part 4 – Application Procedure

**In order to apply to the Talent Development Program, the following items must be submitted to the University of Rhode Island’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions BEFORE February 1. Applications received after February 1 will not be considered.**

- 1. URI Online Common Application.** All TD Applications must be submitted online. To apply, go to the URI Undergraduate Admissions Website: <http://www.uri.edu/admission/> and use the Common Application for Undergraduate Admission. You must also complete the URI Supplement.
- 2. Fee Waiver and Designating your Application as Talent Development.** The Common Application fee is waived, and your application is designated as TD through the entry of a TD fee code. High school students may obtain a fee code from their high school guidance office. CCRI Transfer students and students not currently in school should contact the TD office at 401 874-2901 to obtain a code.
- 3. Entering the Fee Code.** When you come to the fee payment page on the Common Application, select the “fee waiver” option from the drop down box. Do NOT make a payment. Instead, enter the fee waiver code in the designated location on the URI Supplement. Please note the TD fee codes are case-sensitive. When you submit your code, the application fee will be waived and your application will be officially designated for TD.
- 4. You must include a personal statement with your application.** An extensive personal statement is an essential aspect of your TD application.
- 5. Your SAT or ACT scores must be reported directly to URI from the testing service.** Information about these tests is available from high school guidance counselors.
- 6. One letter of recommendation is required.**
- 7. Official high school transcript or General Education Development (GED) scores.** It is the applicant’s responsibility to request that their high school submit an official transcript to URI’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Students who have earned a GED must submit an official copy of their GED scores, along with an official high school transcript of all grades received in

high school. Transfer applicants must also submit an official copy of their CCRI transcript as well as their high school transcript.

**Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation must be mailed or brought directly to:**

Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
Newman Hall  
University of Rhode Island  
14 Upper College Road  
Kingston, RI 02881-1391

**DO NOT SEND INFORMATION TO TALENT DEVELOPMENT!**

## **Part 5 – Financial Aid**

All applicants must file the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) To file a FAFSA, go to: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

For the best opportunity for consideration for available aid, the FAFSA form must be submitted on line after January 1, but as soon thereafter as possible. Talent Development recommends that all applicants file the FAFSA in January.

If IRS tax forms have not been filed, you should provide estimates on the FAFSA, which can be corrected later. In addition, please be advised that some financial aid providers prioritize their awards according to a February 14 filing deadline. The earlier you file the FAFSA, the better the financial aid package may be.

URI's Enrollment Services Office awards each student financial aid after an analysis of eligibility. Parent(s) and student tax forms and other financial documents may be required to finalize the student's award.

## **Part 6 – For More Information**

For more information contact the Talent Development Program by phone at 401-874-2901 or by email at [tdinfo@etal.uri.edu](mailto:tdinfo@etal.uri.edu).

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