The goal of the “Bridges to the Baccalaureate Degree” program is to increase the number of undergraduate students in science who receive their Bachelor's degree. Also, it is our aim to increase the number of students transferring from the community/tribal colleges to a university.

We target students who are traditionally underserved. The students eligible to apply for the program include: underrepresented minorities, students with economic hardship, first generation college students, and students with physical or mental disabilities.

The program is a partnership between Lake Superior College, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College and the University of Minnesota Duluth.

**Program**

The Bridges Program provides students with academic and summer research experiences to improve math, science, and laboratory skills. Students continue classes leading to an AA/AS degree at their present community college for transfer to UMD.

Bridges students are paid for up to 15 hours a week during the academic year as a research assistant in the laboratory/research facility of a researcher. Students will also be paid for 40 hours a week for eight weeks during a summer research experience at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

**Requirements**

- Students must be enrolled full time at Lake Superior College or Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College and enrolled in classes related to their science major.
- Students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and be interested in continuing their education in a science field.
- Students from a federally recognized underrepresented minority group (American Indian/Alaska Native, Hispanic, African American, and Pacific Islander), and/or students who are first generation college students, and/or students who can demonstrate economic hardship, and/or students with physical or mental disabilities should identify this on their application.

**Selection Criteria**

Students must submit all of the below by the deadline:

- Application
- Two Reference Forms
- Personal Statement
- Unofficial transcript

See the website for the interactive forms and directions: [https://biomedical.umn.edu/programs/bridges-and-pathways/bridges-baccalaureate-program](https://biomedical.umn.edu/programs/bridges-and-pathways/bridges-baccalaureate-program)