



Program Cost Estimates - for students enrolled prior to January 1, 2023

The Bridges Graduate School of Cognitive Diversity in Education offers quality education programs while keeping its costs as low as possible for the students. Tuition is \$500 per Credit hour + \$30 / hour technology fee, + \$25 / hour Administrative fees. The chart below will help to explain the estimated program fees.

Estimated Programmatic Costs And Fees for students enrolled prior to January 1, 2023			
	Certificate - 1 year* 15 Credits	Masters - 2 years* 30 Credits	Doctorate - 3+ years* 60 credits
Total Credits @ \$500 / credit	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$30,000
Technology Fee \$30 / credit	\$450	\$900	\$1,800
Administrative fees \$25 / credit	\$375	\$750	\$1,500
STRF Assessment Fee \$2.50 per \$1,000 of institutional charges is paid by Bridges Graduate School and is non-refundable			
Graduation Fee	\$0	\$300	\$300
Total Costs	\$8,325	\$16,650	\$33,300
Residency Program costs	You are responsible for your own transportation and housing costs during the summer residency program.		
Total Estimated cost per semester. 3 Semesters / Year	\$3,330 2.5 semesters to completion.	\$3,330 5 semester minimum to completion.	\$3,330 10 Semesters minimum to completion.
Total Minimum Estimated Program costs	\$8,325	\$16,950	\$33,600

- * - Individual costs may vary depending on the time to complete the program.
- * - textbooks are an additional cost that varies from course to course and program to program.
- * - Graduation fee: A graduation fee of \$300 is charged to Master's and Doctoral students in the final year of their program if they participate in the graduation ceremony or not. This fee covers the costs of the graduation and hooding ceremonies. It includes printing of the graduation program and invitations to the graduation and the diploma. It also includes the audit of the transcript and publishing the final project or dissertation on the website. It does not include the costs of graduation regalia or the costs for guests attending the hooding ceremony.

REFUND INFORMATION

- A. If a student cancels their enrollment within five calendar days after signing the agreement, they are entitled to a full refund of all monies paid.
- B. If a student cancels their enrollment more than five days after signing the agreement and prior to attending class, they are entitled to a full refund of all monies paid minus:
 - a. The application/transfer fee of \$75, and
 - b. A one-time registration or administration fee of \$173.25.

The refund, if any, is to be paid within 30 days after the notice of cancellation is received.

- C. The student may withdraw from the school at any time after the cancellation period (described above) and receive a pro-rata refund if they have completed 60 percent or less of the period of attendance. The amount of that refund is to be "pro-rated" according to the not-completed portion of the program. The refund is to be paid within 30 days of withdrawal.

Schedule of Refunds—Fall and Spring 9-week Terms, effective 2023

9 Week Class 3 credits 45 Clock Hours	Percent of Tuition Returned to the Student Minus the Application and/or Registration Fee AFTER
Before Class Starts	100%
Week 1	80%
Week 2	60%
Week 3	40%
Week 4	20%
Week 5	10%
Week 6 - 9	0%

Schedule of Refunds—Summer Residency 2 weeks

2 Week Class 3 Credits 45 Clock Hours	Percent of Tuition Returned to the Student Minus the Application and/or Registration Fee AFTER
Before Class Starts	100%
Day 1	80%
Day 2	60%
Day 3	40%
Day 4	20%
Day 5	10%
Day 6 -10	0%

*Refund amounts rounded up to the nearest \$5.

For Capstone Projects, Doctoral Internships, Independent Studies, and other unique courses for which enrollment extends beyond one term, refunds are calculated based on the percentage of the contact hours completed. Students receive a pro-rata refund based on the percentage of contact hours completed, up to 60 percent of the course total.



For example, if the student completes:

5 weeks of a Fall or Spring 9 week course and paid \$1,500 tuition, the student would receive a refund of \$150. The computation is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \text{(Tuition)} & \times & \text{(\% of tuition returned)} & = & \text{Refund} & \rightarrow & \text{Rounded up } \$5 \\ (\$1,500) & \times & (.10) & = & \$150 & \rightarrow & \$150 \end{array}$$

For the purposes of determining a refund under this section, a student shall be deemed to have withdrawn from a program of instruction when any of the following occurs:

- a. The student notifies the institution in writing of the student's withdrawal in accordance with the terms of Section IV of the *Enrollment Agreement*.
- b. The institution notifies the student in writing of the termination of the student's enrollment for failure to maintain satisfactory progress; failure to abide by the rules and regulations of the institution; absence in excess of the maximum set forth by the institution; and/or failure to meet the financial obligations to the school.
- c. The student has failed to attend class for three (3) class weeks without discussion with the institution and agreement of a plan for completing the work missed.
- d. For the purposes of determining the amount of the refund, the date of the student's withdrawal shall be deemed the last date of recorded attendance.
- e. For the purposes of determining when the refund must be paid, the student shall be deemed withdrawn when three (3) class weeks have been missed without contact from the student.
- f. The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition. You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.
- g. It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 225, Sacramento, California, 95834, (916) 574-8900 or (888) 370-7589. To be eligible



for STRF, you must be a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

1. The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, and you did not choose to participate in a teach-out plan approved by the Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau.
2. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution within the 120 day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120 day period before the program was discontinued.
3. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure.
4. The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so.
5. The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan program as required by law, or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution in excess of tuition and other costs.
6. You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution.
7. You sought legal counsel that resulted in the cancellation of one or more of your student loans and have an invoice for services rendered and evidence of the cancellation of the student loan or loans.

To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the application must be received within four (4) years from the date of the action or event that made the student eligible for recovery from STRF.

A student whose loan is revived by a loan holder or debt collector after a period of non collection may, at any time, file a written application for recovery from STRF for the debt that would have otherwise been eligible for recovery. If it has been more than four (4) years since the action or event that made the student eligible, the student must have filed a written application for recovery within the original four (4) year period, unless the period has been extended by another act of law. However, no claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number.



Student consent and understanding of the refund policy is obtained through the signed Enrollment Agreement Form returned by the applicant to the school which includes the refund policy.

The graduate school follows the California Code of Regulations 5 CCR § 18805 refund policy.