



PROGRAM COSTS 2023-2024

Posted tuition rates for each graduate degree and certificate program are for fall 2023, spring 2024, and summer 2024.

For **new students** whose enrollment begins in June 2023, these tuition rates are for summer 2023.

For **existing students**, these tuition rates go into effect in July 2023.

Students who have pre-paid for tuition prior to 02/01/2023 do not have to pay the difference.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THE TUITION AND FEE INFORMATION PROVIDED HERE IS NOT INTENDED TO BE COMPREHENSIVE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING AN ACTION BY THE BOARD. CHANGES BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF ENACTMENT. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE USED ONLY AS A GUIDE FOR ESTIMATING TUITION AND FEES. YOUR ACTUAL COSTS MAY DIFFER BASED ON PROGRAM, CREDIT HOUR ENROLLMENT, ETC.

I. FEES AND CHARGES

The Bridges Graduate School of Cognitive Diversity in Education offers quality education programs while keeping its costs as low as possible for the students. The charts below will help to explain the estimated program fees.

One Time Fees & Estimated Fees	
Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$75
Housing Fee/Room & Board	Charged on a cost recovery as utilized
STRF Assessment Fee	\$2.50 per \$1,000 of institutional charges Paid by the institution at time of enrollment. No charge to students.
Graduation Fee (for Master's & Doctoral Students only)	\$300
Online Program Residency Fees for students attending virtually** (1 required residency for Certificate program, 2 required residencies for M.Ed. program, 3 required residencies for Ed.D. program)	\$750 per virtual residency**
Textbooks (estimated cost)	\$75 / Course Estimated

**Any virtual residency attendance will require an additional \$750 online residency fee.

- Hybrid Certificate students must attend their one required residency in person.
- Hybrid Master’s students may attend up to one of the two required residencies online.
- Hybrid Doctoral students must attend a minimum of one of the three required residencies in person.

Students enrolled in the Online only program will attend all residencies virtually.

Tuition & Fees 2023-2024				
	Cost per 1 credit	Cost per 3 credit course	Estimated Cost per Semester (6 credits)	Estimated Cost per Year (2.5 - 3 semesters)
Tuition - Certificate & Master’s Year 1	\$525	\$1,575	\$3,150	\$7,875 (15 credits)
Tuition - Master’s Year 2	\$575	\$1,725	\$3,450	\$8,625 (15 credits)
Tuition - Doctorate	\$625	\$1,875	\$3,750	\$11,250 (18 credits)
Technology Fee (non-refundable)	\$31.50	\$94.50	\$189	\$472.50 (15 credits) \$567 (18 credits)
Administration Fee (non-refundable)	\$26.25	\$78.75	\$157.50	\$393.75 (15 credits) \$472.50 (18 credits)
Certificate (1 year*) Tuition + Fees =	\$582.75 per credit	\$1,748.25 per course	\$3,496.50	\$8,741.25 (15 credits / year)
Master’s Year 1 Tuition + Fees =	\$582.75 per credit	\$1,748.25 per course	\$3,496.50	\$8,741.25 (15 credits / year)
Master’s Year 2 Tuition + Fees =	\$632.75 per credit	\$1,898.25 per course	\$3,796.50	\$9,491.25 (15 credits / year)
Doctorate (3+ years*) Tuition + Fees =	\$682.75 per credit	\$2,048.25 per course	\$4,096.50	\$12,289.50 (18 credits / year)

* – 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.

* – STRF Fee: An STRF Fee of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of institutional charges is paid by the institution at the time of enrollment.

* – 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.

Certificate Program Tuition & Fees 2023-2024		
	Hybrid Program Cost	Online Program Cost
Tuition - Certificate 15 credits	\$7,875	\$7,875
Administration Fees (non refundable)	\$393.75	\$393.75
Technology Fees (non refundable)	\$472.50	\$472.50
STRF Assessment Fee (one time, at time of enrollment) \$2.50 per \$1,000 of institutional charges	Paid by institution	Paid by institution for California residents only. No charge for non-California residents.
Online Residency Fee	\$0	\$750
Total Tuition + Fees	\$8,741.25	\$9,491.25

Master's Program Tuition & Fees 2023-2024		
	Hybrid Program Cost	Online Program Cost
Tuition - Master's 30 credits	\$16,500	\$16,500
Administration Fees (non refundable)	\$787.50	\$787.50
Technology Fees (non refundable)	\$945	\$945
STRF Assessment Fee (one time, at time of enrollment) \$2.50 per \$1,000 of institutional charges	Paid by institution	Paid by institution for California residents only. No charge for non-California residents.
Online Residency Fee	N/A**	\$1,500
Graduation Fee	\$300	\$300
Total Tuition + Fees	\$18,532.50	\$20,032.50

****Any virtual residency attendance will require an additional \$750 online residency fee.**

- Hybrid Master's students may attend up to one of the two required residencies online.

Doctoral Program Tuition & Fees 2023-2024		
	Hybrid Program Cost	Online Program Cost
Tuition - Doctorate 60 credits	\$37,500	\$37,500
Administration Fees (non refundable)	\$1,575	\$1,575
Technology Fees (non refundable)	\$1,890	\$1,890
STRF Assessment Fee (one time, at time of enrollment) \$2.50 per \$1,000 of institutional charges	Paid by institution	Paid by institution for California residents only. No charge for non-California residents.
Online Residency Fee	N/A**	\$2,250
Graduation Fee	\$300	\$300
Total Tuition + Fees	\$41,265	\$43,515

****Any virtual residency attendance will require an additional \$750 online residency fee.**

- Hybrid Doctoral students must attend a minimum of one of the three required residencies in person.

II. REFUND INFORMATION

- 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.
- 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:
 - The application/transfer fee of \$75, and
 - 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.

- 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.

D.

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 \$1,575 tuition, the student would receive a refund of \$160. The computation is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(Tuition) } \times \text{ (% of tuition returned)} & = \text{Refund} \rightarrow \text{Rounded up } \$5 \\ (\$1,575) \times (.10) & = \$157.50 \rightarrow \$160 \end{array}$$

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:

1. The student notifies the institution in writing of the student's withdrawal in accordance with the terms of Section IV of this Enrollment Agreement.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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:

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.

The STRF Assessment Fee of \$2.50 per \$1,000 is charged at the time of enrollment and is paid by the institution.

III. LOANS

If the student obtains a loan to pay for an educational program, the student will have the responsibility to repay the full amount of the loan plus interest, less the amount of any refund. If the student is eligible for a loan guaranteed by the federal or state government and the student defaults on the loan, both of the following may occur:

- A. The federal or state government or a loan guarantee agency may take action against the student, including applying any income tax refund to which the person is entitled to reduce the balance owed on

the loan.

- B. The student may not be eligible for any other federal student financial aid at another institution or other government assistance until the loan is repaid.
- C. If the student has received federal student financial aid funds, the student is entitled to a refund of monies not paid from federal student financial aid program funds.

IV. COLLECTIONS

Bridges Graduate School students are required to submit payment for their upcoming coursework prior to the start of the semester. If payment in full is not possible, students can make arrangements to pay in installments by contacting the Registrar's Office. Fees are not charged for late payment or for financing (e.g. for paying in installments). If a student does not pay their entire balance for the current semester, they will be disallowed from enrolling in future semesters until their balance is paid in full.

Bridges Graduate School discloses its tuition, cancellation, refund, and collection policies and procedures prior to student enrollment. All cancellations and refunds are processed promptly upon notification by the student in any manner. The Graduate School maintains student good will throughout the collections process and assures that students are aware of the responsibilities and obligations of both the institution and the student.

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