



The Southwestern Idaho Bridges to Baccalaureate Program!

The **SWID B2B** program is NOW accepting applications for the 2021 and 2022 cohorts of Bridges Undergraduate Student Researchers. This long-term program is made possible by support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The NIH has awarded CWI and Boise State a five-year grant to support undergraduate students pursuing a Biomedical Research career path. Click below to visit the **SWID B2B** home page.

What is Biomedical Research?

Biomedical Research is much more than biology or medicine; it's research, in both public and private sectors, that seeks to improve the public good in terms of products, services, and policies. For example, Biomedical Research may include the development of new drugs (i.e. products) that can be used in new or existing therapies (i.e. services) and that may influence how governments, hospitals, or organizations work with people (i.e. policies). Biomedical Research spans the continuum of theory and practice in terms of new discoveries and how these can best serve the public good. Very importantly, Biomedical Research is a collaborative, multi-disciplinary endeavor. Solving difficult problems requires talented people from diverse academic disciplines including biochemistry, bioengineering, and biophysics as well as biologists and medical doctors. [Click here](#) to visit the **SWID B2B** home page.

Who is the SWID B2B Program for?

The Bridges Program is for motivated students that want a rewarding career as a research scientist. The NIH, our supporting federal agency, has an interest and stake in the future of biomedical research in the United States and is supporting the development of American researchers with programs like the SWID B2B. This program specifically supports that development in underrepresented populations of students from community colleges.

We are seeking students transferring to Boise State and considering a major in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Engineering with no prior research experience but with an interest in serving the public good and contributing to the body of information that we call science. Participants in the program will be mentored and trained in the knowledge and skills required for researchers in the 21st Century and will

enjoy a significant advantage when applying to graduate schools over others without the Bridges Program experience on their *Resumé*. [Click here](#) to visit the **SWID B2B** home page.

How can I Apply to the SWID B2B Program?

Applications for students who intend to transfer to Boise State University as a full-time student for the Fall 2021 and Fall 2022 terms are being accepted now. Follow the link below to fill out an application. You'll need to provide some personal information as well as the address of your residence at the time you were admitted to CWI. **Click [here](#) to apply** to the SWID B2B Program.

What are the Highlights, or Milestones, of the SWID B2B Program?

Typically we solicit applications from students far in advance of their participation in the Bridges Program. We do this so we can mentor and train students appropriately for the Summer Research Experience at Boise State which can be very intense. Milestones of the program therefore would include acceptance into the program, participation in Bridges activities, academic preparation, targeted mentoring, the Bridges Summer Research Experience, conference participation, continued employment and research during the student's junior year at Boise State, a second Summer Research Experience, additional conference participation, and transition to mentoring during the student's senior year for the next cohort of CWI students applying to the Bridges Program. [Click here](#) to visit the **SWID B2B** home page.

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