



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM  
UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN  
BOARD OF REGENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 17-13

**RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE TRITON SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR THE 2017 SUMMER SEMESTER AND THEREAFTER**

**WHEREAS**, the governance and control of the University of Guam (UOG) is vested in its Board of Regents (BOR); and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 28, governing the Student Financial Assistance Program (SFAP) and the Student Financial Assistance Fund (SFAF), state that the SFAP and SFAF shall be administered and granted by the BOR; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with applicable provisions, the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations & Honorary Degree (SASARHD) Committee held a public hearing on April 10, 2017 to address the proposal to amend the Rules and Regulations for the Triton Summer Bridge Program for the 2017 Summer semester and thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, the Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Services, and the Director of Financial Aid have all certified that the proposed amended Rules and Regulations for the Triton Summer Bridge Program complies with the appropriate Public Laws and the BOR's Rules and Regulations; and


**WHEREAS**, the SASARHD Committee recommends to the BOR for approval the amended Rules and Regulations for the Triton Summer Bridge Program effective Summer semester 2017 and thereafter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the BOR hereby approves the amended Rules and Regulations for the Triton Summer Bridge Program for Summer semester 2017 and thereafter.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

  
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Antoinette Sanford, Chairperson

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary

# TRITON SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

## Award Year Beginning Summer 2017

### 1.0 BACKGROUND AND STATUTORY AUTHORITY. \_\_\_\_\_

Two thirds of all incoming freshmen place below Freshman Composition (EN110) and college level math. One way to assist and improve new students' transition into college and into first year English and Mathematics is to provide these students with targeted support to successfully jumpstart and complete their college degree pathway.

The purpose of the Triton Summer Bridge Program (TSBP) is for students to develop a sense of belonging at UOG while advancing their literacy and mathematic skills in preparation for matriculation. It is an optional and highly encouraged course of study for students who are underprepared for college. As participants in the TSBP students will:

- Become familiar with the University of Guam and its resources;
- Develop skills for college success and academic self-efficacy; and
- Prepare for the Fall Semester.

The Board of Regents of the University of Guam is authorized under Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, to formulate rules and regulations to equitably and efficiently administer the Triton Summer Bridge Program, in accordance with Chapter 28 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated.

### 2.0 DEFINITIONS. \_\_\_\_\_

As used in these rules and regulations, the following terms will have the following meaning.

- Board:** the Board of Regents of the University of Guam.
- Fee:** student, general laboratory and course fees charged to all students.
- Commitment Agreement:** document signed by the student and one of their parents or legal guardians agreeing to commit to the rules and regulations specified under the program.
- Recipient:** an applicant who was selected based on meeting all eligibility requirements of the Triton Summer Bridge Program, and approved by the Board of Regents.
- Resident:** a a United States citizen; or a permanent resident alien; or a citizen of the Republic of Palau; or the Republic of the Marshall Islands; or the Federated States of Micronesia; and a resident of Guam for a continuous period of at least one (1) year *prior to the beginning of the summer term the award is to be awarded.*
- Summer Term:** the period between the Spring and Fall semesters, usually from May to August or as further defined in the University of Guam catalog.
- Stipend:** a one-time payment to eligible students under this program for use in obtaining textbooks and/or other educational related supplies with provisions for forfeiture as defined in the Commitment Agreement.

### 3.0 LIMITATIONS AND PRIORITIES. \_\_\_\_\_

The number of students in the program annually shall be determined by the University of Guam and/or based on the availability of funds. The program is open to high school students in all of Guam's public and private high schools.

### 4.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS. \_\_\_\_\_

An applicant for the Triton Summer Bridge program must comply with the following procedures and requirements:

- (a) Applicants must submit the official application prescribed by the Board and obtainable at the University of Guam Financial Aid Office.
- (b) Completed applications must be submitted to the Board through the Financial Aid Office no later than the published deadline date for that respective award year.

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### 5.0 CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY. \_\_\_\_\_

The following are eligibility requirements for the Triton Summer Bridge Program:

- (a) Applicant must have completed high school and have taken the University of Guam English and Math Placement Test and have applied to the University of Guam as a degree seeking student. (Application fee will be waived.)
- (b) Applicant must be a United States citizen; or a permanent resident alien; or a citizen of the Republic of Palau; or the Republic of the Marshall Islands; or the Federated States of Micronesia; and a resident of Guam for a continuous period of at least one (1) year *prior to the beginning of the summer term the award is to be awarded.*

### 6.0 SELECTION PROCEDURE. \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Each applicant will be required to take the UOG Placement Test. A final list of eligible applicants will be prepared and forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval/denial.
- (b) Notice of award shall be sent to each recipient. The recipient of the Triton Summer Bridge Program must notify the Board of Regents within thirty (30) days from award notification indicating whether the recipient will accept the award. If the recipient fails to do so, the award is thereby forfeited and offered to the next eligible recipient (if applicable). If a recipient declines to accept the scholarship after it has been offered, such recipient shall no longer be entitled to receive such award from the Board of Regents during the award period.
- (c) All recipients shall attend a mandatory orientation to complete the award process. Failure to attend said orientation is cause to deny eligibility for the Triton Summer Bridge Program. All documents required by the Financial Aid Office to complete the award process will be received and completed by the recipient during the orientation process.

### 7.0 ATTENDANCE. \_\_\_\_\_

Recipients are to attend the University of Guam. A recipient shall follow an academic plan as listed below.

#### **Academic Plan**

Students will enroll in a bridge course to prepare them for placement into EN109 or EN110 or MA110.

- Students will receive intensive and accelerated instruction in integrated reading and writing or mathematics but not both.
- All participants must take a pre and post test.
- Students will meet with an academic advisor once over the course of the session.
- Students will enroll in FY101 simultaneous to Bridge attendance.

### 8.0 COMMITMENT AGREEMENT. \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) All Triton Summer Bridge Program recipients and one parent or legal guardian shall execute a Commitment Agreement that outlines the responsibilities of each participant to the program.
- (b) All Triton Summer Bridge Program recipients will attend a mandatory orientation session prior to attending classes.

### 9.0 AWARD BENEFITS. \_\_\_\_\_

Recipients are entitled to the following benefits, subject to availability of funds:

- (a) Tuition to be paid by the Student Financial Assistance fund.

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- (b) A one-time stipend One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) towards the purchase of textbooks and/or other education related materials. Stipend must be re-paid if student fails to complete the program.
- (c) Waiver of application and other relevant student fees

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CHAPTER 28, TITLE 17, Guam Code Annotated

Approved by the Board of Regents on \_\_\_\_

Filed with the Guam Legislature in accordance with P.L. 31-237 on \_\_\_\_

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