The Program

The Resumed Undergraduate Education Program (RUE) serves students whose careers in higher education have either been delayed or interrupted. Men and women whose last high school work was completed at least six years prior to their first semester of enrollment at Brown are eligible to enroll in the RUE Program. Because the backgrounds of such students often vary significantly from those of the traditional applicant to Brown, a separate RUE Admission Committee evaluates the credentials of RUE candidates. Support services are an integral part of the RUE program.

Resumed Undergraduate Education students are fully matriculated candidates for the baccalaureate degree and are encouraged to study full time. Exceptions may be made upon appeal to the Dean of the College. All undergraduate courses, programs, and extracurricular activities are available to RUE matriculants.

Application Procedure

RUE candidates apply for entry in either the first (preferred) or the second semester, beginning in early September or late January respectively. Applicants for either semester must complete their files by March 1.

All RUE applicants should include the following credentials:

1. RUE application. Applicant information, Personal Statement and Recommendation forms are included here for download by the applicant, to be printed out and sent to the Admission Office by conventional post.

2. A non-refundable application fee of $75 or a fee waiver request. In cases of financial hardship (as determined by the Financial Aid Award Committee) this fee may be waived.

3. The Admission Office requires that all applicants to the RUE Program submit at least two letters of recommendation. We prefer that the letters come from college instructors when such references are available. Additional letters of recommendation are welcome. Recommenders may type their responses to the prompts of the recommendation form on a separate sheet, if they wish (use official stationery, if applicable), and attach the sheets together.

4. Transcripts from all secondary schools and colleges attended. Official transcripts should be mailed directly to the Admission Office. Where available, scores from standardized examinations such as the SAT or ACT should be reported. Applicants who have been schooled in a system where English is not the language of instruction are required to submit recent results (within two years) of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Results must be submitted through the Educational Testing Service; copies cannot be accepted.

5. A RUE Financial Aid application. Applicants should note that University scholarship funds are limited. If a student is not awarded scholarship funds when he or she is first admitted, it is unlikely that such aid will become available later. The RUE Financial Aid Form and instructions are included here.

It is the responsibility of each candidate to complete his or her file. Forms, fees, and correspondence should be mailed to:

College Admission Office
Resumed Undergraduate Education Program
Brown University, Box 1876
Providence, RI 02912

Decision notifications will be announced in early May.

Tuition and Financial Aid

For the 2011-12 academic year the full-time tuition is $41,328, with a per-course rate of $5,166. Rates for 2012-13 have not yet been set. A monthly payment plan can be arranged. The University reserves the right to change charges whenever necessary; the new rates apply to all students. Published notice of such changes will be given well in advance of any deadlines for payment. For financial aid information and forms see the documents supplied separately in the RUE Webpages.

Housing

While RUE students, as adults, normally live off-campus, a few are housed on-campus in the graduate student dormitories (not in the undergraduate dormitories). No partners or children can be accommodated. A request for such housing should be made to the Office of Residential Life immediately upon your acceptance of an offer of admission. Such placement cannot be guaranteed in advance.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

Brown University admits students of any race, color, religion, handicap, sex, and national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the University. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, age, handicap, status as a veteran, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation in the administration of its admission policies, educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, or other school-administered programs.