



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN
BOARD OF REGENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-13

**RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE TRITON
SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM BEGINNING SUMMER 2016**

WHEREAS, the governance and control of the University of Guam is vested in the Board of Regents of the University of Guam; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 28, governing the Student Financial Assistance Program and the Student Financial Assistance Fund, state that the Program and Fund shall be administered and granted by the Board of Regents ; and

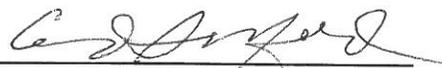
WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable provisions, the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations & Honorary Degree Committee held a public hearing on March 1, 2016 to address the Rules and Regulations for the Triton Summer Bridge Program for Summer semester 2016 and thereafter; and,

WHEREAS, the Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, the Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Success, and the Director of Financial Aid have all certified that the Proposed Rules and Regulations for the Triton Summer Bridge Program beginning in Summer semester 2016 and thereafter complies with appropriate Public Laws and the Board of Regents' Rules and Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, & Honorary Degree Committee recommends to the Board, approval of the Proposed Rules and Regulations for the Triton Summer Bridge Program beginning Summer Semester 2016 and thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents hereby approves the Rules and Regulations for the Triton Summer Bridge Program for Summer Semester 2016 and thereafter.

Adopted this 3rd day of March 2016.



Antoinette D. Sanford, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary

TRITON SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

Award Year Beginning Summer 2016

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 Triton Bridge Program, an initiative of the University of Guam to strengthen retention, high quality learning, and degree completion, will afford students the opportunity to enroll in an English and/or Math course in preparation for their entry into the University of Guam in the Fall semester. This early start opens a bridge for students to immerse themselves in a learning community of high impact practices, targeted tutoring and advisement in higher education, and to gain experience and knowledge about what it means to be a college student.

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.

- (a) **Board:** the Board of Regents of the University of Guam.
- (b) **Fee:** general laboratory and course fees charged to all students.
- (c) **Enrollment Status:** for purposes of this program, up to 6 credit hours to be taken during the summer terms at the University of Guam.
- (d) **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.
- (e) **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.
- (f) **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.*
- (g) **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.
- (h) **Stipend:** a one-time payment to eligible students under this program for use in obtaining textbooks and/or other educational related supplies.

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. A formula based on the total number of public school graduates and the number of graduates from each public high school on Guam will be used to ensure a fair distribution of awards.

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. Applications shall include the following information:
- (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 will be given a choice between two options of attendance:

Option A:

EN085 or EN100 or EN110 AND MA085 I or II or MA115 (STEM majors) or MA110 (all other majors)

Recipients choosing this option must:

Attend all class sessions,
Meet with TA twice a week per course,
Meet with College Advisor to complete Academic Plan,
Attend New Student Workshop(s),
Utilize *etriton* account for all UOG online communication, and
Take an exit exam (EN110 exempt).

Option B:

EN085 or EN100 or EN110 or MA085 I or II or MA115 (STEM majors) or MA110 (all other majors)

Recipients choosing this option must:

Attend all class sessions,
Meet with TA twice a week.
Meet with College Advisor to complete Academic Plan,
Attend New Student Workshop(s),
Utilize *etriton* account for all UOG online communication, and
Take exit exam (EN110 exempt).

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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 for up to 6 credits during the award period.
- (b) A one-time stipend One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) towards the purchase of textbooks and/or other education related materials.
- (c) Waiver of application and other relevant student fees

CHAPTER 28, TITLE 17, Guam Code Annotated

Approved by the Board of Regents on March 3, 2016, Resolution No. 16-13

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