The Talent Development Program at the University of Rhode Island serves Rhode Island high school graduates who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. A majority of Talent Development (TD) students are students of color.

Students admitted to TD have taken the required core academic courses in high school but their overall academic profiles do not make them eligible to be admitted through the regular admission process.

TD requires an intensive summer academic program prior to the start of the fall semester. During the TD Summer Program students take university courses and live on campus. TD students who successfully complete the TD Summer Program continue their enrollment at URI in the fall.

TD students receive academic and individual support from TD advisors and mentors, and most receive the need-based TD Hardge/Forleo Grant. To be considered for the TD Program, students apply for admission to URI indicating their interest in TD, and are then considered through a competitive review process.
TD APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a Rhode Island resident.
- Have a High School Diploma or GED and a minimum 2.3 GPA.
- Be a disadvantaged student.
- Have a minimum of 13 core college preparatory units:
  ⇒ Go to uri.edu/talent_development for details
- Take the SAT or ACT and have scores reported electronically to URI Office of Admission.
- Provide one required letter of recommendation.
- Complete the Common Application online as well as the TD Supplement:
  ⇒ Go to uri.edu/admission/
- Check box on Common Application to indicate TD interest.
- Use a TD fee waiver code when applying.
  ⇒ Your Common Application will be designated as TD when you enter this TD Fee Code.
  ⇒ The Common Application fee is waived with the use of this code.
- Have your official transcript sent to URI Office of Admission, either electronically via the Common Application or mail to 14 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881.
- Write a personal essay as a mandatory part of your Common Application.
- Write the required TD essay beginning with “I feel that I am a good candidate for TD Nation because...”
- Check application status regularly.

UPON ACCEPTANCE TO TD YOU MUST:

- Attend the TD PREP Program (one Saturday in late March or early April, date to be announced).
- Attend URI New Student Orientation in June.
- Attend and successfully complete the TD Summer Program (late June to late July, exact dates to be announced).

TD NATION