

Talent Development (TD) Quick Facts 2025-2026

DEADLINES

DEC 1:
nursing, pharmacy, and
engineering TD applications.

DEC 15:
All other TD
applications.

JAN 15:
All TD admission documents
must be received.

MID FEB:
TD admission decisions will
be released.

GENERAL INFORMATION

In 1968, following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the University of Rhode Island (URI) established Talent Development (TD) as a special admission program for students from underrepresented and underserved populations.

This program serves Rhode Island residents with U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status.

ELIGIBILITY

First-Year Applicant Profile

Applicants must have a cumulative GPA between a 2.5 and 3.0 by the end of their junior year of high school and have a minimum of 13 core college preparatory units:

- 4 units in English.
- 3 units in math (algebra I, algebra II, and plane geometry).
- 2 units in physical or natural science with at least one lab.
- 2 units of the same foreign language.
- 2 units in history or social science.

Applicants with a GED

The above requirements and a college-ready GED score between 165-174.

Transfer Applicant Requirements (CCRI only)

Transfer applicants must satisfy the 13 core college preparatory units (through high school and/or CCRI), earn 24–30 transferable credits, and have a minimum college GPA of 2.3.

CONTACT

Talent Development Admission Officer

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REQUIRED MATERIALS

It is the applicant's responsibility to request these documents. Your school counselors can assist you in submitting the following documents electronically via the Common Application.

- Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR).
- Official high school transcript(s).
- Letter of recommendation.
- Official copy of GED scores (if applicable).
- Applicants from CCRI must use the URI Transfer Application and submit their CCRI transcript.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply to TD through the Common Application.
 - Check the box on the Common Application to indicate interest in TD and enter the fee waiver code: RI00000000+TD=fall2026.
 - CCRI transfer students and those not currently enrolled in school should contact the TD office at 401-874-2901 to obtain a code.
- TD students must submit a supplemental essay that clearly addresses their interest in being considered for TD.

TD ESSAY

The TD essay should address why the student feels they are eligible for the TD program, and explain how the program's opportunities will help them achieve their academic, professional, or personal goals. The essay should include aspects of the student's lived experience, for example:

- Any educational, familial, cultural, economic or social experiences or opportunities relevant to their academic journey.
- Challenges and/or obligations they have had to address in order to achieve their educational goals.



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THE TD EXPERIENCE TIMELINE



ENROLLING IN TD

Students must:

- Attend a mandatory TD Spring Preparatory Program on March 14, 2026.*
- Attend one of the URI Welcome Days (March/April).
- Submit an Intent to Enroll Form by May 1.**

* Failure to attend the Prep program will result in the revocation of the student's admission decision.

** Submission of the Intent to Enroll form is required for enrollment in the TD program. Failure to submit the form by the deadline will result in admission revocation.

URI New Student Orientation

All entering TD Scholars are required to attend New Student Orientation prior to the start of the Summer Success Program.

TD Summer Success Program

Live on campus and participate in college transition activities. Successful completion of this program is required to be fully admitted in the fall semester.

There is no fee charged for participation in the Summer Success Program.

Academic Year

Through an assigned team member, TD provides intensive academic advisement and key support services. During the academic year, Scholars must:

- Be full-time (enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits).
- Reside on the Kingston campus until the end of their first year.
- Meet with their assigned TD Advisor.
- Remain in good academic standing (with a cumulative average of 2.5 or higher) to be eligible for the need-based Hardge/Forleo Grant.

TD FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Admission and enrollment in the TD program is not based on income. Not all TD students receive financial assistance.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Financial aid awards (state and federal student grants, loans, and work-study) are based on demonstrated financial need. All TD applicants must complete the FAFSA; URI Enrollment Services uses this data to determine financial aid eligibility. Signed copies of parent/guardian and/or student tax forms and other documents may be required to finalize the student's award.

FAFSA Help

For help with filing the FAFSA, students may contact their guidance office. In addition, the RI Educational Opportunity Center (401-455-6028) and the College Planning Center of Rhode Island (401-736-3170) provide assistance with the submission of the FAFSA.

TD Financial Support

Eligible TD Scholars may receive the need-based Hardge/Forleo Grant. The Hardge/Forleo covers tuition expenses ONLY.

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