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OASIS’ Summer Bridge Program is a year-long academic transition and scholarship program at the University of California – San Diego that provides incoming freshmen with tools and resources to jumpstart their first year in college. The program is a fully funded academic experience on UCSD’s campus that prepares students to get a head start on life as a Triton – launching students into freshman year by becoming familiar with campus resources, professors, lifelong friends, and college life! As part of the scholarship program, students take two courses (8 units) that fulfill their college GE requirements during the second summer session. On top of that, students who earn a 2.5+ GPA during the Summer Bridge program will receive an additional $500 merit-based textbook scholarship to help defray costs for the Fall quarter.

To be eligible for the Summer Bridge program, students must:
• Be admitted to UCSD
• Be a first-time incoming college freshman (no transfer students)
• Be available the entire duration of Sunday August 5th – Saturday Sept 8th
• Live in the university dorms paid for by the Summer Bridge program
• Completion of two courses (8 units) that fulfill college GE requirements paid for by the program
• Housing and food in UCSD dorms paid for by the program
• Academic Transition Counselor (ATC) to support students throughout the year
• Life-long friendships
• Eligibility for a $500 merit-based textbook scholarship

“Summer Bridge prepared me to be successful academically and socially. Once I had the opportunity to be a part of the Summer Bridge family, I was given access to so many resources that helped me succeed while at UCSD. Coming from a brand new Charter school from Downtown Los Angeles, I felt unprepared coming into such a large and prestigious institution. If it was not for Summer Bridge I would not feel as confident and determined as I do now to pursue my degree at UCSD. I also take advantage of all the resources that are provided to me from being a Summer Bridger, to building my own foundation as a leader in my community at UCSD.”

Malka Williams, Summer Bridge ’16

“I will always be grateful to Summer Bridge and the OASIS family for instilling in me the values of academic excellence, cultural diversity, and social justice. The combination of academic and social support prepared me to succeed at UCSD, in graduate school, and beyond. Now, as a clinical psychologist, researcher, and instructor, I teach these same values to my trainees and students. The program taught me, for the first time in my educational career, that academic learning can and should be relevant to who I am as a person, to the communities from which I came, and to the people I wish to serve. It has been over twenty years since I was a Summer Bridge student and many of the personal and professional relationships I started there stand strong to this day. Summer Bridge built the foundation for me to accomplish my educational and professional goals, and for that, I will always continue to give back to the program in as many ways as I can.”

Jan E. Estrellado, PhD, Summer Bridge ’96
Associate Director for Clinical Training, Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital