Hot Metal Bridge Application Instructions and FAQs

Instructions:

1. Please read the application checklist for what must be submitted for each department.
2. All application materials **must be emailed** to Philippa K. Carter at pkc3@pitt.edu. Do not send materials via postal mail.
3. The application form must be opened in Adobe Acrobat for the fillable form to work.
4. All recommenders must email their letters to Philippa K. Carter at pkc3@pitt.edu on letterhead and they must be signed by the recommender.
5. The application deadline is **April 20, 2015**.

FAQs:

1. Can international students apply? No, this program is only for US citizens and permanent residents.
2. Is there an application fee? No, there is no fee for applying to this program.
3. Can I apply to multiple programs? Yes, you can apply to multiple programs but you must submit a separate application packet for each program with a statement of academic goals and letters of recommendation that are geared to each program you are applying to for admission.
4. I cannot fill in the application. The application is a fillable form and must be opened in Adobe Acrobat.
5. Do I need to write my social security number on the application? No, if you are admitted to the program you will be asked to supply your social security number.
6. How long should the statement of academic goals be? It should be no longer than 2 pages double-spaced. The font must be no smaller than 10 pt and no larger than 12 pt.
7. Do I need prerequisites for the program? It depends on the program you are applying to for admission. Check the application checklist for any departmental prerequisites.
8. Do I need to send official transcripts for all schools I have attended? No, you must only submit unofficial transcripts for the institution where you received your undergraduate and or graduate degree(s). If you are selected for the program then you would have to supply official transcripts.
9. Do I need to take the GRE? No, it is recommended but not required.
10. When will I be notified about the selection? Students will be notified by the end of May 2015?
11. If selected when would I start the program? The program starts in the Fall of 2015. You would need to be in Pittsburgh in mid to late August for orientation.
12. What does the program provide? Fellows receive a two term fellowship with a stipend that is currently $21,262, full tuition remission and fees for the two terms and the
option to purchase health insurance (health insurance fee is already included in the stipend).

13. What is not covered by the program? Relocation expenses, $30 student activity fee each term, books and your living expenses. These should be covered by your stipend.

14. Must I be registered? Yes, you are considered a full-time student and must be registered for at least 9 credits.

15. Can I self-design my own program? No, if you are selected as a fellow the program you are admitted to will devise a plan with your input in order to make you the best candidate to get into a PhD program.

16. Can I pick my mentor? No, available mentors change each year and depending on your interest you are assigned to a mentor that is aligned with your interests. You can indicate in your statement of academic goals the names of any mentors you would be interested in working with in the program.