



Student Application
Summer 2012



JumpStart Program Overview

JumpStart is a four-week summer residential experience designed to afford incoming first year students to Oklahoma State University opportunities to achieve a smooth transition to college life. The focus and intent for the Jumpstart Program is to provide an environment conducive and supportive for student learning and personal growth. We place a special emphasis on study habits, time management, and financial literacy to highlight and demonstrate the importance of effective and efficient college practices. JumpStart will also assist incoming first year students as they adapt academically, socially, and emotionally while transitioning from high school to college.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Collaborative learning is strongly encouraged in the JumpStart program. Participants will make new friends and have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with OSU's campus and its extensive services. Participants will be prepared to be successful in all aspects of their college life. Most importantly, however, this program provides an excellent opportunity for students to prepare for exceptional performance in Math (college algebra and pre-calculus) and English courses with extensive reading and writing requirements. Participants will also enroll in A&S 2323 *Diversity and Inclusion in 21st Century America* taught by the program coordinator.

CURRICULUM

The JumpStart Program is a residential program for selected first generation and minority students who have been admitted to Oklahoma State University for the upcoming fall semester. The OSU JumpStart program will focus on enabling participating minority students to achieve a smooth transition to college life.

The JumpStart Program emphasizes four areas: academic instruction, academic success skills, collaborative learning processes, and university life skills and activities.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATING

In addition to being an under-represented minority student or first generation college student, students participating in the JumpStart program must meet the following criteria:

- Be accepted to Oklahoma State University for the upcoming academic year
- Be available and committed to participate fully for the entire 4 week time frame (June 3, 2012 to June 29, 2012)
- Attend an early orientation (i.e before the start of JumpStart) and take the math placement exam prior to attending the program.

ROOM AND BOARD

Room and board is provided to all participants. Students are housed in residence halls and must follow the rules and regulations prescribed by Oklahoma State University and Institutional Diversity staff members. Meals are provided daily through on campus dining. A variety of social and recreational opportunities (basketball, volleyball, pool, swimming, workout facilities, tennis) are available on campus to students enrolled in the JumpStart program.

Living in a residence hall is an exciting opportunity that requires self-discipline, compatibility with other students from different backgrounds, and a high degree of responsibility. Counselors are available to assist students during their time on campus. They will offer support as needed so that each student will have a successful experience.

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Applications must be received by March 14, 2012

Part I: Personal Background Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Date of Birth ___/___/___ Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Gender: (please circle) Male or Female

Race/Ethnicity: (please circle) African American White Hispanic/Latino Asian/Pacific Islander American Indian

Part II: Academic Information

Name: _____ Location (City, State) _____

High School GPA: _____ ACT or SAT scores: _____ Comp _____ Math _____ Science Reas. _____ Reading _____ Writing _____

Have you applied to Oklahoma State University? Yes or No If Yes, Have you been accepted? Yes or No

Anticipated Major: _____

Are you a: (please circle)

ILP student? Y or N First generation college student? Y or N Trio student? Y or N

Please submit an official transcript and your resume

Part III: Short Essay

Please answer each of the following essay questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What is your personal definition of diversity?
2. Why do you want to participate in JumpStart?
3. What are your career goals, and how will OSU help you achieve those goals?

Part IV: Acknowledgement

I understand that if I am selected for the 2012 JumpStart program I will be required to attend OSU's freshman orientation session prior to June 1, 2012. I acknowledge that I have read this application and affirm the information included is true and may be verified.

Please Return Applications by March 14, 2012 to

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