



Stony Brook University

Graduate Programs

★ **#59 National Ranking**
U.S. News & World Report, 2026



Stony Brook University, founded in 1957, is a public research university located in New York State. It is the top-ranked campus within the State University of New York (SUNY) system and is recognized as a "Public Ivy."

Distinguished Reputation

- Ranked #59 among National Universities U.S. News & World Report 2026
- Ranked #1 Public University in New York U.S. News & World Report 2026;
- Ranked #26 among Top Public Schools nationally U.S. News & World Report 2026
- Member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU).

Location

- Situated on Long Island, New York, offering a comfortable and safe living environment.
- Just one hour from New York City, providing abundant internship and employment opportunities.

Exceptional Faculty & Research Strength

- Faculty includes over 30 National Academy of Sciences members and 8 Nobel Laureates, including C.N. Yang.
- Collaborations with premier national laboratories such as Brookhaven National Laboratory and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

Career Outcomes

- 95% Success Rate for undergraduate graduates (2020-2022 cohorts), with 61% employed within six months and 34% pursuing further education.

- 75% of graduates are employed within New York State.

International Student Support

- Comprehensive support services including visa advising, language support, and cultural orientation.
- Dedicated International Student Services office to assist with academic and personal matters.
- Events like international student mixers foster integration between international and domestic students.

Campus Life & Culture

- Over 400 student clubs and organizations.
- International students comprise 16% of the student body, representing over 100 countries, with activities promoting multicultural exchange.

Value & Financial Support

- Recognized as one of the best-value public research universities in the U.S.
- Various scholarship and financial aid opportunities are available.

Direct Entry Master's Partner Majors:

<https://shorelight.com/universities/graduate/stony-brook-university#academics>

Program deadlines vary. Please check:

https://graduateadmissions.stonybrook.edu/portal/deadline_dates

Note: Applications must be submitted to Shorelight at least three business days before the actual program deadline to allow sufficient time for completing the SBU application (e.g., submitting recommendation letters). After the deadline, access to the SBU portal is closed.

Admission Requirements

Academic	Minimum GPA 3.0+ for most graduate programs Specific minimum GPA for the following programs • Social Work: minimum GPA 2.8 • Psychology: minimum GPA 3.25 • Minimum GPA 3.3 for Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Oral Biology
	Minimum University Requirement for Shorelight Portal Submission • TOEFL iBT: 80 (accepts Home Edition and MyBest Scores) • IELTS: 6.5 (no subsection below 6.0) • Gateway English Test: Minimum 495 Higher Requirements for Specific Programs: • TOEFL 85 / IELTS 6.5: Biomedical Engineering MS, Technological Systems Management MS • TOEFL 90 / IELTS 7.0: Social Work MS • TOEFL 90 / IELTS 6.5: Biochemistry & Cell Biology MS, History of Philosophies, East and West MA, Mathematics MA, Marine Conservation & Policy MA, Marine & Atmospheric Science MS, Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies MA • TOEFL 100 / IELTS 6.5: Neuroscience MS Notes: • Duolingo English Test is Not accepted. • TOEFL institution code: 2548. English Test Waiver Policy (meet one criterion): • you hold a degree such as a high school diploma, bachelors, masters, or PhD from an institution where the primary instruction was in English • you served as a Teaching Assistant at an institution where the primary instruction was in English
English Proficiency	
Other Requirements	Resume; 3 Letters of Recommendation; Statement of Purpose; Some applicants may be required to provide third-party credential evaluations for non-US transcripts.
GRE/GMAT	Required for applicants without a US bachelor's or master's degree for: • Economics MS • Computer Science MS • Mechanical Engineering MS Optional for all other programs

Program Offering and Important Dates for 2026 Academic Year
(Postgraduate Program Only-On Campus/Full Time)

Specific requirements varied by major

Writing Sample: Required for English MA; Hispanic Languages and Literature MA; History MA; History of Philosophies, East and West (HPEW) MA; Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies MA; Journalism MS (requires 2).
Portfolio/Audition/Video Pitch:
• Art Studio MFA: Artist Portfolio https://catalog.stonybrook.edu/pre-view_program.php?catoid=4&poid=106
• Film MFA & Television Writing MFA: Video Pitch & writing samples <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/mfa-film-tv/admissions.php>
Third-Party Credential Evaluation: Required for non-US transcripts for Social Work MS and Master of Public Health (MPH). Acceptable agencies: WES, IEE, or ECE.

Estimate Tuition and Cost

(Final information is subject to change by the university)

- Most Programs: \$19,746 (2 semesters)
- MBA: \$20,160 (2 semesters)
- Social Work: \$17,334 (2 semesters)

Please check the university's official website for the most up-to-date tuition and fees for specific programs.

The Application Guidance: Through the Shorelight Admissions Portal

STEP 1 | Submit via Shorelight Admissions Portal for Record

- Go to the Shorelight admission portal: <https://admissions.shorelight.com/login>
- Click "Apply Now" in the top right corner to start your application.
- Begin filling in your basic information. (For the email address, please be sure to provide an accurate address that belongs to the student. This email must be consistent with the one used for the official university application.)
- Select Stony Brook University, then choose your desired program and the correct start term.

Please complete the Shorelight admission portal application step by step, providing accurate application information and materials. Shorelight will conduct an initial review upon receipt of the application.

Materials Required for Shorelight Portal

- Official university academic transcripts
- If graduated, English copy of official university diploma
- English language proficiency score report (electronic copy and official score send)
- Completed English Waiver Form if applicable
You can download the English waiver form <https://shorelight.widen.net/s/cgmfvrczs/english-waiver-form>
- Resume (required for all programs)
- Statement of Purpose (required for all programs)
- GRE/GMAT scores (required by partial programs)
- Writing Sample (required by partial programs)
- Paper in Music Research (required for Music MFA only)

STEP 2 | Complete University Portal Application

1. After successful submission to Shorelight admissions Portal, the Portal status changes to 'Final Review' and shows "Your application has been submitted to Stony Brook University"; The student email box receives a confirmation email for the submission and give the guidance for the next steps.
2. Following the instructions from the Stony Brook University email, the applicant needs to complete the application which includes:

- Providing information for 3 recommenders (who will receive a questionnaire and upload link).
- Uploading any program-specific supplemental materials.
- Monitor your application status and decision via the SBU Portal.

Documents/Steps for Stony Brook University Portal

- 3 Letters of Recommendation: Recommenders receive a link to a questionnaire (10 questions) and must upload a signed recommendation letter on official letterhead.
- Third-Party Credential Evaluation Report (if required for your program – e.g., Social Work, MPH).
- Portfolio/Video Pitch (if required by your program).
- Pay the \$100 application fee.

Notes:

- If materials submitted to Shorelight are marked as missing in the SBU Portal, or if you do not receive the Stony Brook University portal activation email over 1 week, the applicant can contact Stony Brook University directly
- Admission decision timelines vary by school/college. Most decisions are released about one month after the application deadline. Only the Business School uses rolling admission.

Official Contacts of Shorelight and Stony Brook University

Shorelight Contacts

For questions before submitting the Shorelight application, please contact the regional email based on your location:

• China, North Asia (China/Korea/Japan, etc.), Southeast Asia (excluding Vietnam and Myanmar):

Alina.wan@shorelight.com

• South Asia (India/Pakistan/Bangladesh, etc.), Middle East, Africa & Europe:

tissa.chandrasekera@shorelight.com

• North America, Latin America, Vietnam and Myanmar:

linh.nguyen@shorelight.com

University Contacts

For questions after successful submission to Shorelight, contact the Graduate School)

General Inquiries:

gradschool@stonybrook.edu

Admissions:

gradadmissions@stonybrook.edu

