2021 - 2022 ADMISSION GUIDE
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ADMISSION

The Bard MAT Program offers advanced graduate study in the academic disciplines and pedagogy, extensive partner school residencies, close faculty mentoring, and a commitment to educational innovation. The core of Bard’s MAT Program is an integrated curriculum leading to a master of arts in teaching degree and a recommendation for New York State Initial Teacher Certification (grades 7-12) in one of five subject areas: biology, literature, mathematics, history, or Spanish.

Program applicants must have received a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in the liberal arts with a major (or equivalent) in the discipline they intend to study at Bard. Students are accepted into the MAT Program on the basis of an assessment of various components: records of academic achievement that show a minimum cumulative average of B (3.0), letters of reference that attest to the candidate’s potential, GRE scores, and a personal statement that demonstrates the candidate’s commitment to graduate study and a career in teaching.

The BardMAT will review applications on a rolling basis through April 15, 2021 or until the cohort is full. Admission decisions will be made within 4 weeks of receipt of a completed application. Financial aid award decisions will follow acceptance decisions and receipt of completed FAFSAs. No applications will be considered after April 15, 2021.

Enrollment in the program is confirmed upon acceptance of the financial aid award and a nonrefundable deposit of $515. With an emphasis on seminar-style classes, the MAT Program limits the size of each disciplinary cohort in biology, literature, history, mathematics, and Spanish. Applications reviewed after the limit has been reached will be considered for deferred admission to the 2022 - 2023 academic year.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Application Deadline:** Rolling admission through April 15, 2021
**To apply:** go to: www.bard.edu/mat/ny and click on “Apply Now”

To apply for acceptance into the MAT Program, please submit all required materials by the dates indicated. The application and supporting materials are submitted online. For complete application instructions and links to the online application portal, please refer to our website, www.bard.edu/mat/ny.

**All applicants are required to submit the following materials:**

1. Completed online application form
2. $65 application fee, payable by credit card or electronic debit via the application portal
3. Personal statement of 500–600 words that demonstrates your commitment to graduate study and a career in teaching
4. Résumé
5. Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended for at least one academic year, regardless of whether credits were transferred to another institution or a degree was received. Unofficial transcripts can be uploaded online, but official transcripts are required and must be sent in sealed envelopes or as official E-transcripts emailed directly from the institutions.
6. Three letters of recommendation that attest to your potential. Letters are submitted online via the application portal
7. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test scores (www.ets.org/gre)

**All correspondence not submitted online should be addressed to the MAT’s administrative offices at:**
Master of Arts in Teaching Program
Bard College
PO Box 5000
Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504
E-mail: mat@bard.edu
www.bard.edu/mat/ny
845-758-7145
TUITION AND FEES

These numbers are based on the tuition and fees for the 2020 - 2021 academic year. Tuition and fees are subject to change.

Tuition:
One-Year: $45,804
Two-Year: $22,905 (year one)

Institutional Fees
Application fee $65
Registration fee $100
Security Deposit $225
Enrollment deposit $515
Facilities fee $150
Graduation fee $120
Health Services $235/ Fall and Spring
Health insurance TBD; see “Health Insurance”
On-campus housing $11,000 for 12 months
Parking Permit: $200 (for academic year)

Other Fees
The following fees are related to New York State certification and are required by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). It is the responsibility of the student to fulfill the mandated fingerprinting, workshops, tests, and teaching performance assessment requirements to earn certification. Total costs for certification requirements may vary, but should not exceed $1,000. More details about requirements, costs, and other information is available online at http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/.

Fingerprinting $101.25
Child Abuse Identification Workshop $35
Violence Prevention and Intervention Workshop $35
DASA Workshop $85
(Training in Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-bullying, and Discrimination in Schools: Prevention and Intervention)
Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) $300
Educating All Students (EAS) Test $92
Content Specialty Test (CST) $134
Application for Certification $50
REFUNDS

No refunds of any fees are made in the event that a student withdraws from the program after registration, except as specified below. In no event is the deposit or housing payment refundable. In all cases, the student must submit to the Graduate Committee an official notice of intention to withdraw. The date of receipt of such a notice determines the amount of the refund. Students who officially withdraw before the first day of classes for the term in question are given a full refund, minus the nonrefundable deposit.

If official withdrawal from the program occurs in the first week of classes or workshops, 75 percent of tuition is refunded; within the second week, 60 percent; within the third or fourth week, 30 percent. After four weeks, no refunds are given. Fees for registration, student health insurance, and facilities are nonrefundable. If a student who is receiving financial aid withdraws from the program, the award or loan is prorated. Institutional fellowships are reduced by the same percentage as indicated in the tuition refund schedule above. Federal Direct Loans are calculated according to the federal refund policy on the amount of the loan to be returned to the lender. A student who is considering withdrawal may wish to confer with the Student Accounts Office and Financial Aid Office concerning any anticipated refund and the amount of the Federal Direct Loan that the College must return to the lender. This amount has a direct bearing on the amount of the refund, if any, that the College will provide the student. No refund is made in cases of suspension or expulsion.

FINANCIAL AID

The BardMAT offers need-based financial aid to help offset the costs of tuition and fees. Aid is in the form of fellowships, scholarships, and federal loans. The MAT does not offer teaching assistantships, federal work-study opportunities, or tuition waivers. All students are eligible to apply for scholarships; only U.S. citizens and permanent residents may apply for fellowships and federal loans.

For general information on financial aid, including necessary forms, resources, and information for international students, go to Bard College's financial aid website at www.bard.edu/financialaid or call the Office of Financial Aid at 845-752-4795. For information related specifically to MAT fellowships and scholarships, please contact mat@bard.edu or call 845-758-7145.
SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS

Scholarships
A student may qualify for financial assistance in the form of scholarships or loans, depending on financial need. Financial need is assessed by a uniform method from financial data submitted by the student on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Financial need is the difference between the student’s budget of expenses and the assessed ability of the student to meet those expenses. No student who is in default on a student loan or who owes a refund on a federal grant is eligible for financial aid.

Financial aid awards will be made on a rolling basis as completed applications are submitted and reviewed by the admission committee.

Federal Direct Loan
Students who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States and who file a FAFSA are eligible to borrow through the Federal Direct Loan program. Graduate students may borrow up to $20,500 annually through an unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan, provided the total amount of assistance does not exceed the graduate program’s annual cost of attendance.

An unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan does not require demonstration of financial need. The student may begin paying the interest on the loan while enrolled in school; repayment on the loan principal begins six months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time. If the student chooses not to pay the interest while enrolled, the interest will capitalize to the principal six months after the student drops below half-time enrollment.

Federal Grad PLUS Loan
Graduate students can now access the Federal Grad PLUS Loan Program to pay for the cost of education not covered by other financial aid. This loan is guaranteed (contingent on credit check) by the federal government and may be deferred while the student is enrolled at least half-time. A credit check is required. These loans are disbursed in the same way as the Federal Direct Loan.

Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program
Under the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program, if you teach full-time for five complete consecutive academic years in a low-income school or educational service agency, and meet other qualifications, you may be eligible for forgiveness of up to $17,500 on your Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans and your Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford loans. More information can be found at: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher.
FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowship options are subject to change. Please visit our website (http://www.bard.edu/mat/ny/admission/financialaid/) for up-to-date information.

AmeriCorps Segal Education Award Matching Program
The Segal AmeriCorps Education Award is a post-service benefit received by individuals who complete terms of national service in approved AmeriCorps programs. Upon successful completion of the service, members are eligible to receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award.

The education award may be used to pay educational costs at eligible post-secondary educational institutions, as well as to repay qualified student loans. The dollar amount of a full-time education award is tied to the maximum amount of the U.S. Department of Education’s Pell Grant. Since the amount of a Pell Grant can change from year to year, the amount of an education award can vary. More information can be found at: http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps/alumni/segal-americorps-education-award

Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Program
The Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program (formerly known as Fellows/USA) offers returned Peace Corps volunteers financial aid, such as scholarships and stipends, to participate in graduate-level work at more than 70 partner schools. Master’s and doctoral degrees, combined with work in underserved American communities, prepare Fellows for careers in a wide range of disciplines. Volunteers who satisfactorily complete their Peace Corps service gain lifetime eligibility for the Coverdell Fellows Program. Bard MAT is delighted to partner with the Peace Corps in supporting the education of Coverdell Fellows to become excellent teachers in the United States.

For more information, including requirements, tuition, fees, and fellowship awards, visit http://www.bard.edu/mat/ny/admission/financialaid/or https://www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/university-programs/graduate-school-partners/

Yellow Ribbon Program for Veterans
The Yellow Ribbon Program is available for Institutions of Higher Learning (degree-granting institutions) in the United States. The program allows approved institutions of higher learning and the VA to partially or fully fund tuition and fee expenses that exceed the established thresholds under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. More information can be found at: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp. Other resources for veterans and their families can be found at https://www.bard.edu/mat/ny/admission/financialaid/.
ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS
Limited graduate housing is available on campus. Housing and apartments for rent near the Bard College campus can also be found in Red Hook, Tivoli, Rhinebeck, and neighboring towns.

Bard College does not have a meal plan for graduate students, but a prepaid “Flex” card is available through the Office of Student Accounts (with an initial deposit of $50). The card is accepted at Down the Road Café in the Bertelsmann Campus Center and at Kline Dining Commons cafeteria. Students may also cook their own meals in their residence hall kitchens.

MEDICAL RECORDS AND HEALTH INSURANCE
All students are required to complete a health packet prior to arrival at Bard that includes documentation of a recent physical examination and complete immunization records. New York State law requires that all students born after January 1, 1957, provide proof of immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella. Additionally, students are provided information from Bard about meningococcal meningitis; they must either document having received the vaccine or sign a waiver declining it. Students who decline Bard’s insurance are required to show proof of health insurance coverage from another provider. For information about immunization requirements and health insurance, contact the Student Health Service at 845-758-7077 or healthservice@bard.edu.
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021 – 2022
*subject to change

ONE-YEAR (full-time) 2021 – 2022

June 2, 2021 Registration
June 2, 3, 4 ED502: Issues in Teaching and Learning
June 7 Summer Term classes begin
July/August Summer School field experience (TBA)
August 13 Summer Term classes end
August 30 Fall Term classes and Practicum I begin
November 19 Practicum I ends
November 25-28 Thanksgiving recess
December 17 Fall Term classes end
January 3-28, 2022 Winter Term: Research Project Intensives
January 31 Spring Term classes and Practicum II begin
May 24 Spring Term classes and Practicum II end
Week of May 23 Project Presentations
May 28 Commencement

TWO-YEAR (part-time) 2021 – 2022 (year one)

June 2, 2021 Registration
June 2, 3, 4 ED502: Issues in Teaching and Learning
June 7 Summer Term classes begin
August 13 Summer Term classes end
August 30 Fall Term classes begin
November 25-28 Thanksgiving recess
December 17 Fall Term classes end
January 3-28, 2022 Winter Term: Research Project Intensives
January 31 Spring Term classes begin
May 24 Spring Term classes end
Accreditation
Bard College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, a regional accrediting agency approved by the United States Education Department. Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, 2nd Floor West, Philadelphia, PA 19104; phone 267-284-5000. https://www.msche.org/institution/0267/

The New York State Education Department has registered the following courses of study leading to Bard College bachelor, masters, and doctoral degrees: the bachelor of arts, bachelor of music, bachelor of science, master of arts in curatorial studies, master of arts in teaching, master of fine arts, master of business administration in sustainability, master of music in vocal arts, master of music in conducting, master of music in curatorial, critical, and performance studies, master of science in environmental policy, master of science in climate science and policy, master of education in environmental education, master of science and master of arts in economic theory and policy, and the master of arts, master of philosophy, and doctor of philosophy degrees in decorative arts, design history, and material culture. New York State Education Department, Office of Higher Education, Office of College and University Evaluation, Room 960 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234; phone 518-474-1551. http://www.nysed.gov/heds/IRPSL1.html

Bard is also a member of the American Council on Education, American Council of Learned Societies, Association of American Colleges and Universities, College Entrance Examination Board, Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities, Education Records Bureau, and Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges and Universities.

Bard MAT is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Notice of Nondiscrimination: Bard College is committed to ensuring equal access to its educational programs and equal employment without regard to an individual’s sex, gender, race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status, veteran status, military status, domestic violence victim status, ex-offender status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law. Students, employees, applicants, and other members of Bard College community (including, but not limited to, vendors, visitors, and guests) shall not be subject to discrimination or harassment prohibited by law or otherwise treated adversely based upon a protected characteristic. Similarly, the College will not tolerate harassing, violent, intimidating, or discriminatory conduct by its students, employees, or any other member of, or visitor to, the College community. This includes, without limitation, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual violence, dating violence, and domestic violence.