Program Requirements

**Do I qualify for STEP?**
In order to participate in STEP, students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a Virginia resident;
- Be accepted into and plan to attend George Mason University as a freshman for Fall 2018;
- Qualify for in-state tuition;
- Be a first-time first-year students;
- Be a first-generation college student, meaning your parent(s)/guardian(s): (1) did not receive or complete any level of post-secondary education, (2) enrolled at or earned a two-year degree from a community college, and/or (3) earned any level of post-secondary education outside the United States. These students may have older siblings who have completed a degree;
- Earned a 2.75 GPA or higher while in high school; and
- Have a desire to achieve success in college academics and as a student leader in the Mason community.

**Can I make the summer commitment to STEP?**
STEP summer prepares students for their transition to George Mason University. To successfully complete the summer program, students critically engage in academics and leadership development opportunities. Over the course of the five and 1/2 weeks in the summer, you will be expected to:

- Move onto campus on Wednesday, June 20th, 2018.
- Attend New Student Orientation on Thursday, June 21st and Friday, June 22nd, 2018.
- Participate in the full program, from Saturday, June 23rd — Saturday, July 28th, 2018, including weekends.
- Live on campus with a roommate in the housing STEP provides.
- Accept our **No Cars on Campus** policy and secure rides to and from campus at the beginning and end of STEP summer portion (STEP will provide all necessary transportation for trips and excursions).
- Make a commitment to excel in one general education requirement class.
- Meet with STEP Mentor, University Life Mentor, and ODIME staff as needed to discuss your challenges and successes.
- Attend STEP workshops, leadership series, socials and receptions as required.
- Attend STEP field trip(s) to Great Falls, Washington D.C., etc.

**What happens after the summer STEP program?**
Students who successfully complete the summer portion of STEP transition into the fall semester as **STEP Scholars**. As STEP Scholars, you will be expected to:

- Attend the STEP section of University 100 in the Fall 2018 semester.
- Regularly meet with ODIME staff for check-ins, support, and guidance.
- Attend STEP social events, networking opportunities, group meetings, etc.

Please contact us via email with your questions or to set up an phone appointment: **Step@gmu.edu**

**Priority Deadline:** Monday, April 16th, 2018 by 11:59 pm; **Students who apply by this deadline receive priority consideration.**
Final Deadline: Monday, April 30th, 2018 by 11:59pm; No applications or recommendations will be accepted after this date.