Breakout Session II: Bridge Programs to Improve Diversity

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In this session, the leaders will:

- Introduce the concept of Bridge Programs
- Provide results from existing programs
- Answer questions concerning implications of accepting bridge students, or becoming a partnering institution

Questions to consider include:

- What are the most common failure points / modes that influence retention of any graduate student? Do these change for underrepresented students?
- What is the first step my department can take to increase retention of underrepresented students?
- What activities in my department favor majority students, i.e., are there activities that bias (either consciously or unconsciously) toward the majority?