



FALL CONVOCATION

THE HONORS COLLEGE

AUGUST 31, 2023

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Dear Students, Parents, Alumni, Colleagues, and Friends:

Welcome to our 44th annual Fall Convocation! Each year, we gather to celebrate the start of the new academic year and to welcome a new class to the University of Houston and to the Honors College. We also take the opportunity to recognize individuals who contribute to excellence at the University of Houston through their work in the Honors College.

The interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of honors education creates a place for exceptional faculty and staff to provide highly motivated UH students with a unique environment for growth. Our curriculum teaches students to think deeply and broadly, to speak and write cogently with a critical eye. Cocurricular programs, often developed with campus partners, engage undergraduate students across the University in high impact opportunities for personal and professional growth.

We had many signature achievements during the 2022-2023 academic year, including housing the nationally ranked speech and debate team and being named a Fulbright Top Producing Institution and a Fulbright Hispanic Serving Institution Leader. Through all these efforts, we support President Khator's goal of becoming one of the top 50 public universities in the nation.

Enjoy this moment of celebration with us as we begin a new academic year together!

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WELCOME

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WELCOMING
REMARKS

Renu Khator
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MUSICAL
ACCOMPANIMENT

Anthony Nevitt
Vocalist

Seulji Kim
Pianist

KEYNOTE
SPEAKER

Safa Ansari-Bayegan ('13)
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER SAFA ANSARI-BAYEGAN ('13)



Safa Ansari-Bayegan graduated in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy and a minor in Phronêsis from The Honors College at the University of Houston.

She is currently a staff attorney in the Special Litigation Division of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia where she represents incarcerated individuals in their resentencing petitions under the Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act (IRAA) and challenges pervasive unfair criminal justice practices. Ansari-Bayegan began her public defense career with a Prettyman Fellowship from Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., where she represented individuals charged with misdemeanors and felonies, as well as incarcerated people in compassionate release and IRAA motions. As part of the Prettyman Fellowship, she supervised and taught law students how to represent indigent clients facing misdemeanor charges compassionately, zealously, and effectively.

For two years prior to law school, she worked with the Regional Public Defender Office in Lubbock, Texas as a mitigation specialist on a trial level capital defense team. As an undergraduate, Ansari-Bayegan worked on post-conviction capital cases with Texas Defender Service in Houston. She holds a J.D. from University of California, Berkeley, School of Law and a master's in advocacy from Georgetown Law School.

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VOCALIST ANTHONY NEVITT



Anthony Nevitt is a sophomore majoring in vocal performance in the Moores School of Music. During the 2022-23 academic year, he appeared in Moores School productions of “Die Fledermaus” and “Sondheim on Sondheim” and competed in the international CantaRode choral competition in Kerkrade, Netherlands as part of UH’s Concert Chorale.

Nevitt graduated from the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts in 2022, where he participated in choir and theater. He was named Best Supporting Performer at the 2022 Broadway Dallas High School Musical Theater Awards for his role in Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts’ production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.”

PIANIST SEULJI KIM



Seulji Kim is a talented pianist actively involved in multiple music activities consisting of ensemble, choir and solo performance. Currently, she is studying for her master’s degree in piano performance in the Moores School of Music with Professor Timothy Hester.

Kim was selected to perform at the Nebraska Rising Stars Concert at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She won the Concerto/Aria Competition at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and performed with the Heartland Philharmonic Orchestra. Kim has distinguished herself with notable honors such as the second prize at American Protégé Music Competition, resulting in her performance at a winner’s recital at Carnegie Hall. She also won first prize in the Nebraska State Division of the Music Teachers National Association Young Artist Piano Competition as well as the Charleston International Romantic Music Competition.

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MUSICAL SELECTIONS SHADOW OF THE BLUES, JOHN MUSTO

This 1947 poem by the great American poet Langston Hughes was set to music in 1987 by John Musto as part of the song cycle *Shadow of the Blues*.

2. LITANY

Gather up
In the arms of your pity
The sick, the depraved,
The desperate, the tired,
All the scum
Of our weary city
Gather up
In the arms of your pity.
Gather up
In the arms of your love—
Those who expect
No love from above.

by James Mercer Langston Hughes, "Prayer" appears in Fields of Wonder, first published 1947

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MUSICAL SELECTIONS

SÌ, TRA I CEPPI/YES, EVEN IN CHAINS, HÄNDEL

Over two hundred years earlier, George Frediric Handel composed this aria for the opera *Berenice*, first performed in 1737.

Sì, tra i ceppi e le ritorte
La mia fe risplenderà.
Nò, nè pur la stessa morte
Il mio foco estinguerà.

Yes, even in chains and bonds
My faith will be resplendent.
No, not even Death itself
will put out my fire.

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ENTERING CLASS

ENTERING CLASS OF 2023

Number of Entering Students	704	Distribution by Class Rank in	
Freshman Students	610	Secondary School	
Mid-career Students	94	Top 10%	46%
		(including 16 Valedictorians)	
Gender Distribution		Next 10%	20%
Female	60%	Below 20%	13%
Male	40%	Unranked	21%
		Distribution by ACT Index	
Ethnic Distribution		ACT Index (SAT)	
Asian	28%	30-36 (1360-1600)	40%
Hispanic	27%	27-29 (1260-1350)	19%
White	23%	25-26 (1200-1250)	7%
Black	10%	<25 (<1200)	7%
International	4%	Test Optional	27%
Multicultural	4.5%		
Unreported/Other	3.5%	Average ACT Index	30
		New SAT Average	1380

Distribution by College	2023	
	Entering Class	Overall
Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design	21	62
Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts	14	52
C. T. Bauer College of Business	87	335
College of Education	32	93
Cullen College of Engineering	130	520
Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership	2	14
Hobby School of Public Affairs	1	7
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	169	633
College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	225	763
Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing	5	22
Exploratory Studies	18	61

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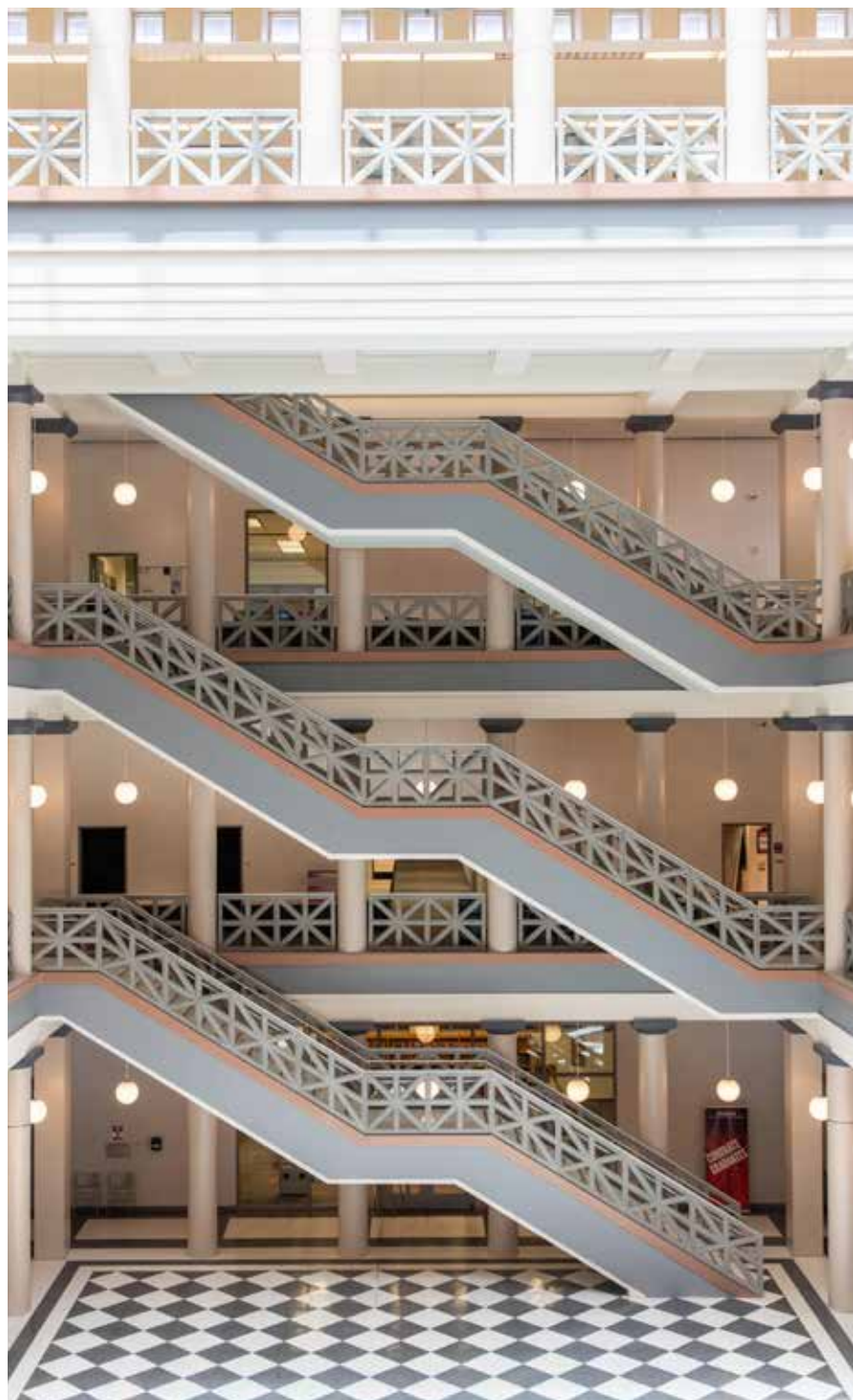


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Benjamin Selormey
Ghufran Shafqat
Sanidh Shah
Asbah Shaikh
Muad Shaikh
Apraajita Sharma
Nour Shehata
Moiz Sheikh
Norhan Shoukry
Clariza Sibayan
Maria Siddeequ
Alfred Skaria Skaria
Brandon Than
Kristine To
Raine Todash



COLLEGE OF
NATURAL SCIENCES
AND MATHEMATICS

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Hadi Totonchian
Annie Tran
Brian Truong
Anaya Ubha
Khushi Upadhyay
Anika Vadlamudi
Saaya Vakil
Jasmine Valbuena
Divya Valipe
Madison Vanhandel
Hridaypal Vemula
Natalie Vo
Mina Vuong

Sofia Wagner
Ling Wang Wang
Lauren Willard
Grace Williams
Amaya Wilson
Mycah Wilson
Pressly Witham
Cole Woody
Luke Wooten
Vincent Wren-Larocca
Geetika Yadav
Yousef Zamil

ANDY AND BARBARA
GESSNER COLLEGE
OF NURSING

Garrett Dumas
Kiana Fuentes
Maria Rivera Alonso

Isabella Trevino
Reuben Vaduva

EXPLORATORY
STUDIES

Ernesto Alvarez
Nicholas Arreola
Lizbeth Arriaza
Jodelys Dejesus
Kyla Kirkby
Anthony Lilly
Morgan Lin
Damian Lujan
Emon Malek

Dominic Michaux
Camryn Moulton
Omar Munguia
Sydney Nethercutt
Aisha Nwadei
Jonah Ortiz
Keiandra Ross
Timara Taylor
Saleem Zayed



2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

HONORS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students in good standing are eligible to apply for Honors College scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually. For fall 2023, the College awarded \$719,500 to 464 students.

ALAN B. PARKER SCHOLARSHIP

Brianna Bhakta
Sarah Lahlali
Gabriela Moncur
Charvi Negandhi
Emily Poff

Jyothis Sajan
Amjad Saleh
Carisma Spears
Thai Tran
Caroline Zhang

ALFRED HIBBLER SCHOLARSHIP

Ranya Khalifa

AMY & JOHN LUCHSINGER SCHOLARSHIP

Francesca Su

ANDREWS KURTH LLP SCHOLARSHIP

Eesha Ahsan
Humna Yamin

ARTURO MONSANTO SCHOLARSHIP

Julissa Castaneda*

BALBOA RECRUITMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Narsi Chokshi
Manisha Madhusudan
Brandon Than

Yousef Zamil

BECKY & TRUMAN ARNOLD SCHOLARSHIP

Kohl Jardas
David Wusterhasuen

BEN & CINDY TALLEY SCHOLARSHIP

Ariana Lee*

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EBAUGH
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Kadilo Buzugbe
Kayla Huhn
Angela Jardina

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CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT
SCHOLARSHIP

Ella Cameron
Veronica Nwanna

CLASS OF 1989
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Mohiuddin Myra*

COASTAL
CORPORATION
SCHOLARSHIP

Kohl Jardas
Eleni Maddox

COASTAL
SECURITIES HONORS
SCHOLARSHIP

Sally Huang

COOPER INDUSTRIES
HONORS
SCHOLARSHIP

Que Huong Nguyen
Chau Vuong

DOROTHY F.
BETTENCOURT CLAY
SCHOLARSHIP

Harrison Ngo

DR. TED ESTESS
HONORS
SCHOLARSHIP

Peyton Hodakievic
Ricardo Leyba
Kayla Martinez
Laila McGowan
Mahima Nagaraj

Sara Salazar
Adrienne Truong

EDITH AND ROBERT
ZINN SCHOLARSHIP

Janine Abad
Nikhila Achanta
Mahd Adrees*
Iesu Mari Adrianni Agapito
Nawar Ahmed
Noah Alexander
Iyobor Akonzee*
Naumi Aparanji

Fizah Arif
Leonard Aruj
Chelsea Bajjali*
Ryan Banda
Sarah Belew
Zeba Bhanji
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Luke Bokach

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**EDITH AND ROBERT
ZINN SCHOLARSHIP**

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Samuel Borromeo
Mateo Cannata
Hy Cao
Joana Carter
Frank Castellanos
Shishir Chilukuri*
Aiea Clark
Jessica Dixon*
Mariam Dumitrascu*
Cuong Duong
Michael Ecklund*
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Jose Esqueda
Ameera Faizal*
Jonathan Falou
Lucero Garcia Ramirez
Erik Gordillo
Jose Guevara*
Pranav Hariharan
Nabeeha Hasan
Sina Jafari
Lizbeth Jaimes
Abigail Jeyaraj
Gavin Joyce*
Kareena Kamal*
Benjamin Key
Farden Khan
Kiran Khan
Saher Khan*
Salwa Khan
Antonio Kirts
Karla Landa
Daniel Le
Noah Luke*
Colton Marino
Luke Mejia
Rebecca Mejia
Isaac Mesina*
Jerrick Miles*
Kendall Miles

Kiara Moncada Martin
Anthony Morka*
Zara Motan
Shivaniah Mummidianand
Pedro Munoz
Devon Nguyen*
Katlinh Nguyen
Lynna Nguyen
Preston Nguyen*
Quynh Huong Nguyen
Harry Odiakosa*
David Odim
Yareli Olivares
Shaiza Pasha
Carlos Patterson
Chelsey Phan
Raayed Rahman
Ritesh Ravi
Saron Regassa*
Jordan Russell
Gemma Satterwhite*
Salomon Serur
Annfaye Sternberg
Nathan Stiehl
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Parsa Tari
Mekha Thomas
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Jimmy Tran
Phuong Tran
Tammy Tran*
Alexander Vela
Scott Viola
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Soleil Wagner
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Sosina Yimam
Najjha Zaman
Sidon Weldai

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Mirza Baig
Raul Caballero Montes
Rae Chi
Paul Daniel
Charlise Giang

Tan Hoang
Jyothylakshmi Manoj
Haley Romine
Elaine Vo
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Camryn Alberigo
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Jessica Morcilla
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EVERETT DYER
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Natalie Allen
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Audrey Marston
Itzel Miranda

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Jing Tao Lim
Miracle Ofomaja
Ibad Ur Rehman Siddiqui

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Rohan Gupta
Lance Ishimura*
Noelle Nguyen

Soraya Sato
Usosa Too-Chiobi
Meagan Tran

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Shams Al Faisal
Marcelino Alaniz*
Atira Anuramchand
Taha Arab*
Aaditya Arun*
Anthony Avalos
Jesuferanmi Ayanlade*
Zoey Ballard
Theodore Bao
Zaynab Bashir*
Zofia Bulhak
Robert Carter*
Natalie Cheng
Adithya Cheruvu
Shishir Chilukuri*
Aurdhva Choudhary*
Bennett Daniel
Katherine Danielson*
Jacob Dixen*
Travis Driver*
Prishita Durga*
Eliana Emig
Olivia Farmer
Luchiano Fernando*
Max Flessner
Gyan Andrei Gabilan
Manali Catherine Ghurye
Manuel Gonzales
Karla Gonzalez
Hedda Grelz
Satvik Gundre
Anita Igben

Yusuf Islam
Alan Johnson
Baasil Kaka
Kathryn Kalchik
Harini Kanamarlapudi
Katrina Kasyan
Reagan Kimberly
Gabrielle Kostecki*
Jonathan Kutka
Tanner LaComb*
Lena Le*
Hannah Lott*
Aaron Low
Michael Maar*
Yash Mahimkar*
Alexander Mai
Ibraheim Maudood
Jonathan Medina-Cornejo
Rusheel Mittakanti
Harrison Ngo
Angela Nguyen
Duong Nguyen
Kenneth Nguyen*
Vicky Nguyen*
Peyton Nishino*
Ayush Pai*
Kimeera Paladugu*
Ansh Patel*
Naymetha Perera
Brenda Pineda*
Laila Rahman
Anisa Roshan-Zamir*
Afshan Saeed*
Anisha Sakhare*
Aarthi Salver*

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Mason Sexton
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Kaemon Shiao
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Rhea Singh*
Isaiah Tatum*
Diana Torres-Nieves*

Brian Truong
Divya Valipe
Khushi Vora
Shruti Vykunta*
Cameron Williams
Lina Wu

**HONORS COLLEGE
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Ranya Khalifa
Sidon Weldai

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GOVERNING BOARD
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Sarah Kimberly
Gayathri Moduguru

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Jasmine Saenz
Fatima Villazana Gomez

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LERNER ENDOWED
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Urvi Bhatia
Mark Hanna

**JANE BLAFFER
OWEN
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Musa Fareed
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Shivani Gadhavi*
Aila Khan*

Daniel Maguadog*
Vishnu Raghavan*

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CHIN SCHOLARSHIP**

Thomas Ramsey

**LAY PRESIDENTIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

Johanna Verghese

**LESTER & SUE
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP**

Benjamin Aagard
Nusayba El-Ali
Jennifer Gruber

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SCHOLARSHIP**

Alexis Boehmer

**LYNETTE
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Aamna Fazil
Amrutha Gorthi
Lauren Morales

Jillian Murphy
Isabelle Pham
Pranjal Sheth
Diego Yepes*
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Veronica Nwanna

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ED NOACK
SCHOLARSHIP**

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Zohra Baig
Lance Lanting

**MOYA FAMILY
SCHOLARSHIP**

Valeria Bautista
Tiffany Bui
Ai-Ling Kuon*
Diana Maldonado*

Jonathan Nguyen
Tam Truong

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BALBOA
SCHOLARSHIP**

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PHOENIX
SCHOLARSHIP BY
KIM AND KELLY
HAYES

Salma Shaaban Mahran Abbady
Ethan Bylsma
Ben Drewell
Hasan Habazi
Zain Jafri

PROMETHEUS
CHARITABLE TRUST
SCHOLARSHIP

Cory Bush

PROMETHEUS
ANNUAL GIFT
SCHOLARSHIP

Cory Bush
Alyssa Cantu
Daniela Castillo Sabido
Ariel Devlin*

Emily Harris
Charis Wu

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Daniel Kalathoor
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Daniel Oh*

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BETTENCOURT
SCHOLARSHIP

Ramya Valipe

STEVE MARTIN
SCHOLARSHIP

Amna Siddiqui

STEVEN HECHT
& DEBORAH
BROCHSTEIN
SCHOLARSHIP

Eleni Maddox

SYBIL PITTMAN
ESTESS
SCHOLARSHIP

Estella Gomez

T.L.L. TEMPLE
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Ngoc Le
Johan Perez
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Caasi Sleeman

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& RICHARD
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Syeda Amjad
Sadia Ashraf
Zulema Ayon
Brandt Bechtel
Amaris Bobbio-Tarco
Myah Buchanan
Ashley Cabrera Gutierrez
Daniel Cao
Douglas Caringer
Julissa Castaneda*
Brianna Chambers*
Caroline Chu*
Hannah Copland*
Stephanie Cornejo
Samantha Covarrubias
Yash Dhanji
Asaad Elsayed
Stephanie Farrell
Cady Gibbs*
Danielle Gomez
Sneha Gudala*
Amanda Harmon
Amir Jackson*
Douha Karroum
Beyza Kural
Danny Le
Mike Ly
Gursharn Mann
Audrey Marston
William Massaras
Bereket Mego
Alessandro Montenegro

Joseph Mulligan*
Katerina Munoz
Larry Nguyen
Minh Khue Nguyen
Theresa Nguyen
Maxim Novak*
Ferah-Chukwu Odili
Carlos Patterson
Laura Pham
Abigail Pomeroy
Rebecca Potts*
Haley Pressley
Charissa Ramjattan
Thomas Ramsey
Sonali Ranchod
Syed Rizvi
Zahra Rizvi*
Haley Salinas
Genaye Sanders*
Yahir Sarabia
Bismah Shaikh
Amna Siddiqui
Kirah Smith
Elizabeth Spencer*
Teasia Stewart
Jordan Underwood
Olivia Vaquera-Guerrero
Jimmy Vien
Johana Villanueva
Veena Vinod
Auburn Waid
Sosina Yimam
Angel Zuniga Martinez

TAU KAPPA EPSILON
SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Portner*

UH FOUNDATION
EXCELLENCE
SCHOLARSHIP

Yahya Arain
Briana Azad
Isabella Bossart*
Taylor Cornett
Yasmeen Elfeki
Sonia Escobedo
Kennedy Foxwell
Michael Frausto*
Xin Qi Huang
Anya Jackson
Ashish Job
Makenna Kennedy*
Rabeeya Khan
Nathan Mitchell
Arwa Naeem*
Afra Nawar*

Alice Nguyen
Audrey Nguyen
Ethan Nguyen
Paula Nichols
Alessa Perez
Vi Pham
Annabelle Podmore
Hannah Reeves
John Richards
Logan Tantibanchachai
Bright Tende
Eshal Warsi
Elizabeth Weaver
Mielad Ziaee

UH FOUNDATION
FOUNDERS
SCHOLARSHIP

Ali Ardda
Nathan Chen
Kevin Dang
An Dinh*
Mason Flores
Joseph Garzon
Harry Goldberg

Donna Iles*
Yusuf Khan
Hannah Kim*
Dimanthi Perera
Hannah Wani
Colton Warren

UNIVERSITY
COMMUNITY
ENDOWMENT
SCHOLARSHIP
IN THE HONORS
COLLEGE

Alivia Mayfield

WILHELMINA
ROBERTSON SMITH
SCHOLARSHIP

Garance Alfon
Zahra Bhattacharya
Justin Nguyen

WILLIAM RANDOLPH
HEARST LEADERSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP

Razin Abbas
Arianna Cann
Gelfand Cierra
Thanh Huynh
Kailey Jirsa
Asiyah Lambay
Tia Maiden

Isabella Marines
Zaara Michalewicz
Haneef Mohammed
Ann Rodrigues*
Nour Shehata
Kelan Smith
Cindy Trammulli



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2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 TIER ONE SCHOLARSHIPS

The UH Tier One Scholarships were established by President Renu Khator to attract highly qualified students to the University of Houston. The Tier One class for fall 2023 consists of 23 first-year students.

Camryn Alberigo
Zoey Ballard
Cory Bush
Seaver Chester
Rae Chi
Bennett Daniel
Rebecca Fox
Gyan Andrei Gabilan

Tan Hoang
Katie Kalchik
Reagan Kimberly
Ricardo Leyba
Ibraheim Maudood
Lance Mcgowan
Jonathan Medina-Cornejo
Mahima Nagaraj

Anh Nguyen
Sara Salazar
Sanidh Shah
Maria Siddeeqe
Divya Valipe
Khushi Vora
Cole Woody

2023 TERRY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

A Houston-based foundation providing scholarships to outstanding Texas residents, the Terry Foundation supports academically talented students with financial needs and a record of leadership. This fall, 22 new Terry Scholars will be inducted into the University of Houston chapter. During the 2023-24 academic year, 56 scholars (including incoming students) will receive more than \$1.5 million from the Terry Foundation to fund their undergraduate education. Since its inception at the University of Houston in 2004, the Terry Foundation has provided over \$25.7 million in scholarship funds to 396 Terry scholars.

Andrew Aguilar
Amal Alzahravi
Adetutu Bakare
Iswat Banjoko
Adela DeLeon Edwards
Jerry Dinh
Kelsey Do
Noah Dutel

Salma Gaballa
Mauricio Garcia-Perez
Aaron LaVohn
Nancy Le
Raafay Malik
Angela Nguyen
Mattin Rastgar
Gabriel Roemer

Danna Salas
Anna Shanar
Annie Tran
Nafia Uddin
Michael Vargas
Giselle Velasquez



2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Houston awards scholarship support covering the entire cost of tuition and required fees to National Merit Scholarship finalists who select the University of Houston as their first-choice institution in accordance with the rules and deadlines established by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. There are 14 National Merit Scholars joining the University of Houston's class of 2027.

Husni Abu-Awad
Hanan Aro
Seaver Chester
Kareem El-Giar
Annabel Endicott

Katrina Kasyan
Vivienne Luu
Alexander Mai
Rusheel Mittakanti
Angela Nguyen

Ryan Piansay
Ethan Schwartz
Divya Valipe
Jonathan Vuong



2023 PROVOST SERVICE LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS

Academically excellent incoming students who exhibit a commitment to service receive the Provost Service Learning Scholarship (PSLS). Because the scholarship is awarded to select students accepted to the Bonner Leaders service-learning program, this scholarship supports service-motivated students and the University's efforts to serve and engage with the community, while working to alleviate the effects of socioeconomic inequalities in Houston. In the 2023-2024 academic year, 14 Bonner students will receive the Provost Service Learning Scholarship. This year's freshman recipients are:

Manali Catherine Ghurye
Yusuf Islam

Anisha Sakhare
Kelan Smith



NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS 2022-2023

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Hamad Khan, Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship (Finalist)

Hamad Khan, Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship (Finalist)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Leslie Aguillon, Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Mexico (Recipient)

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Shashank Adhikari, DAAD RISE Pro Scholarship (Recipient)

Oluwadurotim Agbesanwa, BCM SMART Program (Recipient)

Nikki Hammond, Phi Kappa Phi Fellowships (Recipient)

Aashna Momin, DAAD RISE Scholarship (Recipient)

Wajahat Mohiuddin, Critical Language Scholarship, Arabic (Recipient)

Yuan Zi, DAAD RISE Pro Scholarship (Recipient)

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Briana Azad, Phi Beta Kappa Key Into Public Service Scholarship (Recipient)

Briana Azad, MD Anderson PCCSM Program (Recipient)

Laura Bere, Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant, Belgium (Alternate)

Helin Erdal, Critical Language Scholarship, Azerbaijani (Alternate)

Axit Garcia, Critical Language Scholarship Spark, Mandarin (Recipient)

Alyssa Green, Sumners Scholarship (Recipient)

David Paul Hilton, Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant, Uzbekistan (Recipient)

Naveera Majid, Fulbright Manchester Metropolitan University Award in Creative Writing, United Kingdom (Alternate)

Sondos Moursy, Marshall-Motley Scholarship (Recipient)

Sondos Moursy, Rhodes Scholarship (Finalist)

Elizabeth Perkovich, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (Honorable Mention)

Sophia Sierra Quintero, Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant, Mexico (Recipient)

Nella Sakic, Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Recipient)

Bianca Soriano, BCM SMART Program (Recipient)

Logan Tantibanchachai, Sumners Scholarship (Recipient)

Nmeso Ukachi-Nwata, Sumners Scholarship (Recipient)

Tracy Vu, Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant, Taiwan (Recipient)

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS 2022-2023

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (CONTINUED)

Peijun Zhao, Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant, Taiwan (Recipient)

Mielad Ziaee, MD Anderson PCCSM Program (Recipient)

Mielad Ziaee, Kennedy Krieger Institute MCHC/RISE-Up Program (Recipient)

Mielad Ziaee, Fulbright UK Summer Institutes (Alternate)

THE HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Saron Regassa, Summers Scholarship (Recipient)

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Rhoda Abuga, BCM SMART Program (Recipient)

Momena Ahmed, BCM SMART Program (Recipient)

Bryan Armbruster, BCM SMART Program (Recipient)

Paul Daniel, MD Anderson PCCSM Program (Recipient)

Gabrielle Kostecki, Goldwater Scholarship (Recipient)

Rosemarie Le, EPFL Excellence Research Internship Program (Recipient)

Thai Nguyen, Critical Language Scholarship, Russian (Alternate)

Kala Pham, MD Anderson PCCSM Program (Recipient)

Lei Si, DAAD RISE Pro Scholarship (Recipient)

Damon Spencer, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (Recipient)

Alyson Vu, Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant, Germany (Recipient)

Noor Zughaibi, MD Anderson PCCSM Program (Recipient)



PHI BETA KAPPA

Since its founding in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society, has celebrated excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and championed freedom of thought. PBK recognizes the best and brightest liberal arts and sciences undergraduates and grants lifelong membership through a highly competitive selection process. The Mu of Texas chapter, PBK's 284th, was installed on March 4, 2016, at the University of Houston.

2023 INDUCTEES

Members in Course

Rund Abu-Ashour
Nabira Adnan
Ishmam Alam
Camille Anigboguo
Ranyah Atwan
Briana Azad
Riddhi Bhakta
Adrianna Blubin
Zaina Boriak
Christine Bowyer
Zofia Bulhak
Omar Cano
Daniela Castillo Sabido
Michelle Ching
Nancy Chukwuneke
Ola Dafaalla
Vyshnavi Davuluri
Blake Deckard
Arushi Dheer
Maya Dompier
Tiffany Duong
Aaron Edson
Maryam Erdal
Belen Fajardo
Kennedy Foxwell
Marco Garcia
Tyler Garrett
Sarah Gawlik
Jenna Goodrich
Jose Gutierrez
Tatiana Haddad
Nabeeha Hasan
Yuha Hosoki
Seyed Hosseini Darabi
Kayla Huhn
Deborah Jacob
Angela Jardina

Caleb Johnson
Kiran Khan
Sara Kooshiar
Gabrielle Kostecki
Guadalupe Lombera
Lauren Lyles
Naveera Majid
Alexis Manuel
Alice Martirosian
Eduardo Moeller
Christian Montemayor
Sondos Moursy
Jessica Munoz
Yessica Murillo
Nicolas Musemeche
Paola Najera
Melika Nassizadeh
Vinh Nguyen
Audrey Nguyen
Hillary Nguyen
Nicholas Nguyen
April Nimri
Tagalsir Osama
Tiffany Pena
Maryim Perdomo
Catherine Perez
Natalia Perez Navarro
Kala Pham
Julia Randall
Eshwar Ranganath
Anica Reyes
Landon Richie
Christian Rimbau
Seth Rogers
Sallianne Roher
Thane Russey
Ritu Sampige



Genesis Santillan
Erin Satterwhite
Thalia Sevajanes
Noor Shabaneh
Rohit Shajan
Ammar Siddiqui
Eos Sison
Sydney Stogel
Emily Strathouse
Sophia Sutter
Hassan Syed
Mehmet Tasdelen
Andres Tello
Eshwarjot Thandi
Mekha Thomas
Ronald Thomas
James Thompson
Hunter Thompson
Dylan Tran
Celeste Tunstall
Ekta Upadhyay
Alyson Vu
Esraa Wasel
Ra'Ana Williams
Peijun Zhao
Anina Zollinger

PHI KAPPA PHI

Established in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest honor society to recognize excellence across the academic disciplines. Invited members graduate in the top 10 percent of their class. When translated from Greek, PKP's motto is "Let the love of learning rule humanity." This is demonstrated by the society's mission to engage its community of scholars in service to others. The University of Houston chapter was installed in 1949 and inducts, on average, 150 students annually.

2023 INITIATES

Nine Abad	Carolyn Keene
Haadiya Al-Awady	Kyungmi Kim
Amy Atwood	Elise Kloster
Briana Azad	Lacey Knowles
Brenna Busbee	Galen Kragas
Violet Crain	James Liao
Heather Crainer	Miriam Lowry
Elizabeth Essary	Kara Lummus
Brianna Flores	Nyah Mathews
Brian Holcomb	Margaret McDonald
Kalena Holeman	Ronald Mckeithen
Maria Honey	Raffaella Montelli
Muskan Hossain	Jonathon Myers
Brianna Johnson	Amy Nguyen
Kyah Johnson	Jacob Radka
Mohammadreza Kazmi	Laila Rahman
	Jeremy Rebeles



Emily Reyna	Veronica Waite
Eric Samuelson	Charis Wu
Salomon Serur	Cecilia Yeretsky
Amna Siddiqui	Jenna Zamil
Ramya Valipe	
Noah Vincent	
Marian Von-Maszewski	



OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

The Omicron Delta Kappa Circle at the University of Houston was established in 1960 to recognize students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and scholarship. ODK acknowledges and encourages achievement in academics and research, athletics, service, communications, and arts.

2022 INDUCTEES

Leadership

Dr. Brenda Rhoden,
Faculty Advisor

Alice Yang, Circle
Coordinator

Megan Booth,
Academic Advisor

Xin Qi Huang

Sharmane Joubert

Dalia Kaissi

Danny Le

Eric Lee

Ashley Maldonado

Alivia Mayfield

Margaret McDonald

Joseph Mulligan

Ngoc-Trang Adrienne
Nguyen

Guadalupe Ocampo

Josh Ozoa

Olivia Phu



Inductees

Kathryn Aing

Koryn Barker

Gabriela Davila

Kristin Dinh

Haley Heyman

Brian Holcomb

Malini Prasad

Guilherme Scapim

Emily Strathouse

Jerry Strawn

Ramya Valipe

Melissa Vidal

Patrick Vogel

Jenna Zamil



SENIOR HONORS THESIS AWARDS 2022-2023

The Outstanding Thesis Awards are given each year to students whose theses go above and beyond what is expected of an undergraduate researcher and writer.

Ashlita Acuña-Mena
Liberal Studies major
Mentored by Zelma Oyarvide Tuthill
Constraints, Resourcefulness, and Resilience in the Immigrant Latinx Community: Alternative Health Promotion Strategies for Type 2 Diabetes Self-Management

Triciajane Asuncion
Architecture major
Mentored by Sheryl Tucker de Vazquez
About Time: Redressing the Runway

Tatiana Haddad
Anthropology major
Mentored by Susan Rasmussen
"We Have to Survive": An Ethnographic Field Study of Tourism and the Bedouins in Wadi Rum, Jordan

Andrew Medina
Architecture major
Mentored by Dalia Munenzon Titelboim
Blurring the Borderlands

Alfonso Reyes
English, Creative Writing major
Mentored by Margot Backus
A Partial Sarcology: Short Stories on Identity

Ritu Sampige
Honors Biomedical Sciences major
Mentored by Leslie Frankel
Exploring the Relationship Between Parental Mental Health and Parental Perceptions of Infant Vulnerability

Veera Venkata Ramprajwal Vempatti
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major
Mentored by Lars Grabow
Rate Enhancement Effects of Methane Steam Reforming Over Dynamic Ruthenium Catalysts



THE HONORS COLLEGE

OUTSTANDING FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Chosen from a talented, motivated, and hard-working entering class, Outstanding First Year Students represent “the best of the best.” Their grade point averages are high, but they distinguish themselves by more than just the ability to make A’s, and each one has been nominated for this recognition by the Honors College teaching faculty. The recipients represent a diverse group of disciplines and backgrounds, and their achievements symbolize the fine work of the entire first-year class.

2023 HONOREES

Urvi Bhatia

Hy Cao

Paul Daniel

Athina Economon

Gina Grenyo

Yusuf Khan

Krishna Lathish

Em Lema

Christina Pham

Uyen Nha Pham

Isabel Rasmussen

Soraya Sato

Adrian Stanley

Nathan Stiehl

Liam Trushenski



LERNER FAMILY FUND

FACULTY/STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Lerner Family Fund also supports faculty and staff in their professional development initiatives. From scholarships and fellowships to community-based projects and lecture awards, faculty and staff are encouraged to pursue opportunities that further the mission of the College and promote personal growth.

2023 LERNER FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Michelle Belco
Dustin Gish

STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS

Julia Brown
Trinity Rayder
Alice Yang



FACULTY AWARDS 2022-2023

A variety of awards have been established to recognize exemplary faculty who go above and beyond in their efforts to reach students and whose leadership grows and sustains our curricular and co-curricular programming. The Honors College thanks the following 2022-2023 recipients for their commitment to mentorship, teaching, and service.

**BEE AND KEE WONG FACULTY
ENGAGEMENT AWARD**

Ben Rayder

**TED L. ESTESS AWARD
FOR ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

Rita Sharp

**VINCE AND LOUISE FOSTER
AWARD FOR TEACHING
EXCELLENCE**

David Rainbow

**MATTHEW B. AND
TAMARA STEELE AWARD
FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

Marsha Kowal



OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND MAJOR AWARDS

PROVOST'S UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARS

The Provost's Undergraduate Research Scholarship program provides talented students with the opportunity to participate in a semester-long research project under the direction of a University of Houston faculty mentor.

FALL 2022

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Laraib Arain
*Billy Hawkins, Health and
Human Performance*

Jayda Branch
Amanda Venta, Psychology

Arushi Dheer
Hanako Yoshida, Psychology

Sarabeth Hanz
*Tracey Ledoux, Health and
Human Performance*

Gabrielle Kostecki
Colin Haile, Psychology

Vicente Mandujano
Jeffrey Church, Political Science

Devanshi Mistry
Michael Zvolensky, Psychology

Kim Nguyen
Hanako Yoshida, Psychology

Robert Schnur
J. Leigh Leasure, Psychology

Emilia Waters
Chatwara Duran, English

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Kristin Dinh
*Rosenda Murillo, Psychological,
Health, & Learning Sciences*

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Kathryn Aing
*Jiming Bao, Electrical and
Computer Engineering*

John Alvey
*Dimitrios Kalliontzis, Civil and
Environmental Engineering*

Mugdha Sai Bhagavatula
*Bhavin Sheth, Electrical and
Computer Engineering*

Bao Le
*Tianfu Wu, Biomedical
Engineering*

Karina Montero
*Kirill Larin, Biomedical
Engineering*

Fariz Nazir
*Tianfu Wu, Biomedical
Engineering*

Geraldine Palacios
*Debora Rodrigues, Civil and
Environmental Engineering*

Laura Rubio
*Mario Romero-Ortega,
Biomedical Engineering*

Hoang Tran
*Mario Romero-Ortega,
Biomedical Engineering*

THE HONORS
COLLEGE

Adriana Lopez Cajigas
*Max Rayneard, Creative Work,
Honors College*

Minh Ngoc Nguyen
*Andrew Kapral, Data and
Society, Honors College*

Aaron Smith
*Marc Hanke, Biology, Honors
College*

TILMAN J. FERTITTA
FAMILY COLLEGE OF
MEDICINE

Srijith Kambala
Stephen Spann, Family Medicine

COLLEGE OF
NATURAL SCIENCES
AND MATHEMATICS

Julio Cacho Bravo
Jeremy May, Chemistry

COLLEGE OF
PHARMACY

Benjamin Haverty
*Alexander Statsyuk,
Pharmacological and
Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Tasneem Islam
*Bradley McConnell,
Pharmacological and
Pharmaceutical Sciences*

SPRING 2023

KATHRINE G.
MCGOVERN
COLLEGE OF THE
ARTS

Emily Goff
Sandra Zalman, Art History

C. T. BAUER
COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS

Jonathan Nguyen
*Saleha Khumawala, Accountancy
& Taxation*

COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Alexandra Ayala
*Craig Johnston, Health and
Human Performance*

Alissa Boxleitner
Haylee Harrell, English

Rachel Byrd
Lorraine Stock, English

Veronica Carleton
Kavita Singh, English

Tracy Do
*Stacey Gorniak, Health and
Human Performance*

Kelley Doan
*Emily LaVoy, Health and Human
Performance*

COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Continued

Alexa Emmons
*Cynthia Yoon, Health and
Human Performance*

Francisco Espinoza
*Christopher Arellano, Health and
Human Performance*

Carlos Fuentes
Luis Medina, Psychology

Natalie Gorman
Paul Guajardo, English

Marcel Gugala
*Stacey Gormiak, Health and
Human Performance*

Nancy Ho
Hanako Yoshida, Psychology

Kalena Holeman
Daniel Davies, English

Diana Huynh
*Pranav Parikh, Health and
Human Performance*

Owen Lartson
Michael Snediker, English

Megan Lean
Beau Alward, Psychology

Gisela Mathew
Hanako Yoshida, Psychology

Lynnsie McBride
*Emily LaVoy, Health and Human
Performance*

Kelly Montano
*Marwa Ghazali, Comparative
Cultural Studies*

Akhil Mulgaonker
Richard Mizelle, History

Sarah Rizvi
Luis Medina, Psychology

Logan Tantibanchachai
Jeffrey Church, Political Science

Andres Villarreal
Denise Reyes, Psychology

COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION

Dylan Tran
*Rosenda Murillo, Psychological,
Health, & Learning Sciences*

CULLEN COLLEGE
OF ENGINEERING

Anisa Abdulhussein
*Jinsook Roh, Biomedical
Engineering*

Eberechukwu Adikaibe
*Ashutosh Agrawal, Mechanical
Engineering*

Sean Chakraborty
*Jinsook Roh, Biomedical
Engineering*

Fatima Elmouden
*Jerrold Henderson, Chemical and
Biomolecular Engineering*

Bruno Garcia
*Tian Chen, Mechanical
Engineering*

Brandon Gonzales
*Gangbing Song, Mechanical
Engineering*

Mary Ann Ivbievbiokun
*Ashutosh Agrawal, Mechanical
Engineering*

Rohana Kuriakose
*Megan Robertson, Chemical and
Biomolecular Engineering*

Gabrielle Lea
*Chandra Mohan, Biomedical
Engineering*

Thu Nguyen
*Diana De La Rosa-Pohl,
Electrical and Computer
Engineering*

Thu Nguyen
*Jiefu Chen, Electrical and
Computer Engineering*

Ryan Pereira
*Chandra Mohan, Biomedical
Engineering*

CULLEN COLLEGE
OF ENGINEERING

Continued

Debriunna Porter
*Tony Liao, Information Science
Technology*

Lilly Roelofs
*Mario Romero-Ortega,
Biomedical Engineering*

Ali-Rayhaan Soonasra
*Kirill Larin, Biomedical
Engineering*

Nicholas Tijerina
*Bo Zhao, Mechanical
Engineering*

Vize Tobor
*Tian Chen, Mechanical
Engineering*

Tien Tran
*YingChun Zhang, Biomedical
Engineering*

Marcus Tubera
*Jinsook Roh, Biomedical
Engineering*

James Valentine
*Gangbing Song, Mechanical
Engineering*

Alexander Wright
*Bo Zhao, Mechanical
Engineering*

Sosina Yimam
*Stacey Louie, Civil and
Environmental Engineering*

CONRAD N.
HILTON COLLEGE
OF GLOBAL
HOSPITALITY
LEADERSHIP

Daniel Heo
*Minwoo Lee, Hotel and
Restaurant Management*

THE HONORS
COLLEGE

Caroline Sizemore
*Marc Hanke, Biology, Honors
College*

COLLEGE OF
NATURAL SCIENCES
AND MATHEMATICS

Samiksha Chandran
Robert Comito, Chemistry

Darren Doan
Jakoah Brgoch, Chemistry

Danny Le
*Mehmet Sen, Biology and
Biochemistry*

Ethan Marfil
*Mehmet Sen, Biology and
Biochemistry*

Ahsan Omer
*Qin Feng, Biology and
Biochemistry*

Hem Patel
*Dan Graur, Biology and
Biochemistry*

Sachiko Sakai
*Shuhab Khan, Earth and
Atmospheric Sciences*

Ibad Siddiqui
*Gul Zerze, Chemical and
Biomolecular Engineering*

COLLEGE OF
OPTOMETRY

Morgan Trapp
*Vivien Coulson-Thomas,
Optometry*

COLLEGE OF
PHARMACY

Noor Zughaibi
*Vincent Tam, Pharmacy Practice
and Translational Research*



SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2023

The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program seeks to provide funding for rising UH sophomores, juniors, and seniors across all disciplines to participate in a focused, full-time, 10-week research experience under the direction of UH faculty.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Jaafar AlShahristani
Ryan Kennedy, Political Science

Zaina Boriek
Jaye Derrick, Psychology

Alissa Boxleitner
Haylee Harrell, English

Jayda Branch
Julia Babcock, Psychology

Daisy Calderon
*Cynthia Yoon, Health and
Human Performance*

Cynthia Cisneros
Hanako Yoshida, Psychology

Christian Doxakis
*Adam Thrasher, Health and
Human Performance*

Jessica Garcia
*Nicolas Kanellos, Hispanic
Studies*

Larissa Liu
*Adam Thrasher, Health and
Human Performance*

Nicholas Macias
*Seoung Hoon Park, Health and
Human Performance*

Candace Martinez
Elena Grigorenko, Psychology

Alivia Mayfield
José Hernández, History

Isha Merchant
*Bhavya Tiwari, Modern and
Classical Languages*

Doris Miranda
*Amber Thiessen, Communication
Sciences and Disorders*

Ogechi Obiobasi
*Craig Johnston, Health and
Human Performance*

Sarah Rizvi
Luis Medina, Psychology

Sydney Tunches
*Monique Mills, Communication
Sciences and Disorders*

David Vaughan
Steven Craig, Economics

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Elaine Vo
*Virginia Rangel, Educational
Leadership & Policy Studies*

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Connor Affeld
*Sergey Shekopyas, Biomedical
Engineering*

Safwan Ahmad
*Hien Nguyen, Electrical and
Computer Engineering*

Andrew Almasi
*Vedhus Hoskere, Civil and
Environmental Engineering*

Afaf Asad
*Tony Liao, Information Science
Technology*

Ngoc Dong
*Yingchun Zhang, Biomedical
Engineering*

Mikas Dunn
*Lars Grabow, Chemical and
Biomolecular Engineering*

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Continued

Kaden Helmka
*Shailendra Joshi, Mechanical
Engineering*

Jaer Nizam
*Hien Nguyen, Electrical and
Computer Engineering*

Shan Pappa
*Vedhus Hoskere, Civil and
Environmental Engineering*

Ryan Pereira
*Chandra Mohan, Biomedical
Engineering*

Haley Romine
*Chandra Mohan, Biomedical
Engineering*

Kelan Wu
*Hien Nguyen, Electrical and
Computer Engineering*

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Gabriela Hamdieh
Sarah Munawar, Public Policy

Saron Regassa
Sarah Munawar, Public Policy

THE HONORS COLLEGE

Ben del Toro
*Dustin Gish, Political Science,
Honors*

Angélica Vences
*Jesse Rainbow, Religious Studies,
Honors*

Veronica Nwanna
*Christine LeVeaux-Haley,
Political Science, Honors*

Ashlyn Pro
Marc Hanke, Biology, Honors

Ramya Valipe
*Michelle Belco, Political Science,
Honors*

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Rund Abu-Ashour
William Ott, Mathematics

Grace Dreifuerst
Yu Liu, Biology and Biochemistry

Jose Ayala
Olafs Daugulis, Chemistry

Lukas George
Eva Harth, Chemistry

Funmi Babajide
*Tasneem Bawa-Khalfe, Biology
and Biochemistry*

Brayan Gutierrez
Andreas Mang, Mathematics

An Bui
*Erin Kelleher, Biology and
Biochemistry*

Danielle Henry
*Mehmet Sen, Biology and
Biochemistry*

Julio Cacho Bravo
Jeremy May, Chemistry

Hy Cao
*Mehmet Sen, Biology and
Biochemistry*

Albert Chen
*Xun Jiang, Earth and
Atmospheric Sciences*

COLLEGE OF
NATURAL SCIENCES
AND MATHEMATICS
Continued

Sally Hoang
Loi Do, Chemistry

Deziree Hudson
*Arne Lekven, Biology and
Biochemistry*

Danny Le
*Mehmet Sen, Biology and
Biochemistry*

Helen McKay
Rakesh Verma, Computer Science

Abigail Mendoza
*Kerri Crawford, Biology and
Biochemistry*

Carolyn Nguyen
William Ott, Mathematics

Tran Nguyen
*Qin Feng, Biology and
Biochemistry*

Hammad Shaikh
Loi Do, Chemistry

Syna Sharma
Jakoah Brgoch, Chemistry

COLLEGE OF
PHARMACY

Theresa Nguyen
*Alexander Statsyuk,
Pharmacological and
Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Han Van
*Bin Guo, Pharmacological and
Pharmaceutical Sciences*





HOUSTON EARLY RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The Houston Early Research Experience (HERE) program recognizes freshmen and sophomore students who excel academically and are engaged in the campus and local community. This two-week seminar series engages students from all majors and orients undergraduates to the fundamentals of conducting research through faculty-led small group discussions and research presentations. The HERE program concludes with student-developed research proposal presentations.

HERE 2023 Participants

Iesu Agapito	Rea Rose Estrada	Sharon Manu	Adolfo Salazar
Ifrah Ahmad	Jonathan Gaucin	Erick Miranda	Sarah Siddiqui
Viviana Amaya	Jennifer Gruber	Tessnim Mohammed	Nathan Stiehl
Falak Asad	Jayden Gunsolley	Ryan Nguyen	Sean Tan
Urvi Bhatia	Julianna Hamilton	Sue Nguyen	Margherita Tosolini
Samuel Borromeo	Kaden Helmka	Susan Nguyen	Melody Tran
Eduardo Ceja	Anita Igben	Veronica Nwanna	Kelly Trinh
Jonathan Chan	Easham Ijaz	Alessa Perez	Rishi Vadaga
Paul Daniel	Alveena Imran	Laura Pham	Vivian Wang
Kendyl Donald	Ashish Job	Chelsey Phan	Eshal Warsi
Maria Duarte Salcedo	Jeryl Joseph	Dylan Rogers	Courtney White
Cuong Duong	Carter Klebuc	Haley Romine	Kyndal Wilkinson

HERE 2023 Mentors

Christiana Chang	Abdul Khan	Kelly Hopkins	Marina Trninic
Marc Hanke	Marsha Kowal	Olivia Johnson	Lesli Vollrath



MELLON RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Supported by a second \$500,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, a total of 60 undergraduate students will receive financial support to participate in faculty-mentored research activities between spring 2021 and spring 2024. This includes a two-week graduate school boot camp, a 10-week full-time summer research experience, and a Senior Honors Thesis or intensive independent research project. The following students were selected to participate in the 2023 cohort of Mellon Research Scholars.

Nine Abad
Guillermo De Los Reyes, Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Hispanic Studies

Melanie Adhikary
Amanda Ellis, English

Petra Anazonwu
Caryn Tamber-Rosenau, Religious Studies

Veronica Carleton
Rex Koontz, Art History

Lilly Chipman
Sarah Ehlers, English

Isaac DeBerry
Daniel Davies, English

Megan Dagnall
Debbie Harwell, History

Katherine Galland
Debbie Harwell, History

Michelle Garcia
Maria Gonzalez, English

Jose Gutierrez
James Schafer, History

Kalena Holeman
Haylee Harrell, English and African American Studies

Kayla Huhn
Lauren Zentz, English (Linguistics)

Angela Jardina
Iain Morrison, Philosophy

Alicia Lartigue
Alex Badas, Political Science

Christine Le
Ivan Small, Anthropology

Genesis McGriggs
Lesli Vollrath, English

Maryam Mohy
Hayan Charara, Honors College

Kelly Montano
Marwa Ghazali, Comparative Cultural studies

Logan Tantibanchachai
Luis Oliveira, Philosophy

Elena Zelaya
Audrey Miller, Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies

HOUSTON SCHOLARS

The Houston Scholars is a competitive program for high-achieving freshmen and sophomores to receive mentorship and scholarship funding to pursue research, internships, and other distinctive experiential learning opportunities. Through targeted programming, participants will benefit from honing their academic and professional skills, developing connections with faculty, engaging in scholarly endeavors, and preparing for applying to nationally competitive scholarships and top graduate school programs. In addition to these benefits and participating in a motivated cohort of high-achieving students, Houston Scholars are well-positioned to take advantage of other Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards programs, such as the Houston Early Research Experience and the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship.

Claudia Aramburu-Tinoco	Jayden Gunsolley	Haley Romine	Rebecca Wagley
Briana Azad	Gabriela Hamdieh	Olivia Salinas	Eshal Warsi
Perrin Calzada	Rosemarie Le	Soraya Sato	Mielad Ziaee
Paul Daniel	Ehson Maleki	Ramy Valipe	
	David Nguyen	Nathan Varghese	



RESEARCH FOR ASPIRING COOGS IN THE HUMANITIES

The Research for Aspiring Coogs in the Humanities (REACH) Program at the University of Houston is a collaborative effort supported by the Cougar Initiative to Engage and the Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards. REACH provides a year-long introductory research experience for students in humanities disciplines by connecting participants to existing research projects at the University of Houston.

2022-2023 REACH Campus Partners and Participants

Making the History of UH Student Group	OER Textbook: Be a Tech Advanced	Recovering the US Hispanic Literary	Sharing Stories from 1977
Afro Americans for Black Liberation (AABL) Available Online	Cultural Learner	Heritage Program	<i>Ishmam Alam</i>
<i>Saron Regassa</i>	<i>Alejandra Gomez</i>	<i>Erica Delgado</i>	<i>Diana Canales</i>
	Opening Up	<i>Lizbeth Jaimes</i>	SYRIOS
	Anti-Asian Racism	<i>Chloe Levy</i>	<i>Haadi Hasan</i>
	Dialogues through	Resilient Houston: Documenting	<i>Rory Dempsey</i>
Mapping Undergraduate Writing Project	Storymap	Hurricane Harvey	The Year 1771
<i>Stephanie Masterson</i>	<i>Matthew Tao</i>	<i>Katherine Galland</i>	<i>Tatiana Haddad</i>
<i>Amna Siddiqui</i>		<i>Kelly Montano</i>	

ENERGY SCHOLARS

The Energy Scholars Program at the University of Houston provides undergraduate students the opportunity to work on a research project under the direction of a UH faculty mentor throughout the summer and fall semesters. The program is generously funded by Phillips 66 and is open to students of all disciplines who are interested in working on a research project related to energy.

2023 Energy Scholars

Sadia Ashraf

*Yan Yao, Electrical and
Computer Engineering*

Bobby Brown

*Mingjian Wen, Chemical and
Biomolecular Engineering*

Rami El-Haibe

*Karolos Grigoriadis, Mechanical
Engineering*

Tico Hannan

*Gangbing Song, Mechanical
Engineering*

Tessnim Mohammed

Ross Wienert, Architecture

Giao Nguyen

Thomas Teets, Chemistry

Glynn Serda

*Michael Harold, Chemical and
Biomolecular Engineering*

Parsa Tari

*Haleh Ardebili, Mechanical
Engineering*

Damian Vasquez

*Harish Krishnamoorthy,
Electrical and Computer
Engineering*

Akehmbom Vesoh

Piruz Saboury, Economics

HONORS FACULTY RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

The Honors Faculty Research Assistantship, supported by the Lerner Family Fund, is an undergraduate research opportunity coordinated by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards.

Students gain experience in research by supporting Honors College faculty members in their respective research work.

2023 Honors Faculty Research Assistants

Vyshnavi Davuluri

*Marc Hanke, Biology
and Biochemistry*

Jerry Hill

David Rainbow, History

Zainab Jafri

*John Lunstroth,
Medicine and Society*

Laila Rahman

*Donaji Stelzig,
Community Health
Workers*



ENGAGED DATA AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Engaged Data and Community Health is a partnership between the Honors College and the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute with a mission of re-orienting the role universities play in supporting undergraduate students and local communities. Our approach is grounded by a commitment to build projects that center the voices of the people we serve, support individual flourishing, and make honest use of data to communicate ongoing transformations.



Community Health Worker Initiative (CHWI): The CHWI has received over \$1,528,000 in external funding over the last 12 months, encompassing a broad range of work with Community Health Workers (CHWs) as outreach specialists and service navigators over the next two years. These activities are organized under a research umbrella called Trust & Learn, where the overall mission is to create a responsive and trusted space of interaction between individuals and CHWs. In 2022, the CHW Training Center certified 136 new CHWs with a total of over 463 trained CHWs since its creation in 2018, which makes it one of the largest in the state and country.

Engaged Data Science (EDS): The EDS program was founded in fall 2019 to expand opportunities for students to work on data science projects that use real-world data to examine issues relevant to local communities. Importantly, EDS focuses on broadening participation beyond those academic disciplines traditionally associated with data science and emphasizes activities that bring together diverse groups of students to work on self-directed data projects. During 2022, EDS-supported programs offered more than 200 extended duration learning experiences to undergraduate students including: the Data and Society minor, the Pharis Fellowship, the Data, Society, and Justice Program, and Data Analytics in Student Hands.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Nawar Ahmed	Audrey Huang	Dragomir Nonov	Sobia Syed
Briana Azad	Montinice Jordan	Radha Nune	Ben Tran
Zeba Bhanji	Khayla Joseph	Jessica Patino	Melody Tran
Max Broekhuis	Neha Joshi	Vivienne Pham	Olivia Tran
Amy Bui	Mariyah Kazim	Cecilia Phan	Tammy Tran
Giselle Castrejo	Ishita Korde	Haley Romaine	Thai Tran
Amina Chirkli	Gabby Kostecki	Amanda Sengchim	Johana Villanueva
Anderson Chitsosa	Christina Kuruvilla	Grace Sewell	Lori Vo
Vyshnavi Davuluri	Jenn Landicho	Krystyan Severin	BreAnn Wilson
Abigail Garcia	Rosemarie Le	Rida Shaikh	Mielad Ziaee
Alpha Garcia	Mathew Mendoza	Anna So	
Boi Ha	Sondos Moursey	Genesis Stiggers	
Kristen Harris	Paula Nichols	Christina Suarez	
Huriyah Hasnain	Minh Ngoc Nguyen	Michael Summers	

FACULTY AND STAFF

Dan Price	Peggy Lindner	Cristina Palacios
Cindy Paz	Ioannis Konstantinidis	Makhoul
Andrew Kapral	Alejandro Quijano-	Cara Shokler
Karina George	Martinez	

THE PHARIS FELLOWSHIP

The Pharis Fellowship engages undergraduate students in a 10-week summer research experience focused on developing data projects to understand how individual health outcomes are embedded in social and environmental contexts. With support from the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute (HPE DSI), Pharis Fellows work full-time on self-directed projects guided by mentors in the Honors College, HPE DSI and our partner organizations, including the Environmental Protection Agency, Humana Insurance, the UH Education Research Center, and the Community Health Worker Initiative. The fellowship is named in memory of George “Trey” Pharis III, a beloved Honors College colleague at Data Analytics in Student Hands (DASH).



2023 PHARIS FELLOWS

Salma Abaddy
*A Spatial Analysis of Brownfields
in Harris County*

Oreoluwa Adejuwon
*Analyzing a Decade of Police
Violence Patterns: A Comparative
Study Across Four US Counties*

Nawar Ahmed
*Examining Immigrant Skill
Underutilization in the
Healthcare Sector*

Zeba Bhanji
*Complex Health Needs:
Understanding Multimorbidity
in People with Intellectual
Disabilities*

Abigail Burns
*Examining the Impact of
Hazardous Waste Sites on Stroke
Hospitalizations in Harris
County*

Salik Faisal
*Resilience and Recovery:
An Econometric Analysis of
Hurricane Harvey's Influence on
Harris County Property Values*

Claire Gregory
*Examining Exclusionary
Discipline Trends in Texas
Schools*

Mariyah Kazim
*Examining Variations in
Medication Non-Adherence
Among Older Individuals with
Chronic Conditions*

Carlos Mendieta
*Tracing the Roots of
Environmental Racism in
Houston's Fifth Ward*

Carolyn Ngo
*Developing a Risk Index for
Flooding Pollution for Four Super
Neighborhoods in Houston, Texas*

Johana Villanueva
*In the Eye of the Storm:
Understanding Clinician
Burnout through RN and
Hospital Admissions Data*

Daniel Viray
*Analyzing the Impact of Car
Dependency on Health Measures
in the Houston Area*

2023 Pharis Mentors

Karina George (DSI)
Matthew Jefferson (EPA)
Andrew Kapral (DSI)

Ioannis Konstantinidis (DSI)
Amelia Nguyen (EPA)
Dan Price (Honors)

Toni Templeton (UH ERC)
Eric Villegas (EPA)



FRAMEWORKS

FrameWorks is a co-curricular program that provides sophomores and juniors a supportive community of peers and faculty mentors as they conceive, research, write, present, and publish article-length essays in the interdisciplinary humanities. Housed in the Honors College, FrameWorks is funded in partnership with the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. It is an initiative of the Creative Work minor in collaboration with the Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards. The FrameWorks Program was supported, in part, by a grant from the Cougars Initiative to Engage (CITE).

In 2022-2023, FrameWorks Fellows were challenged to interpret the theme, "Constellation." The following articles constitute the Fall 2023 Issue of our dedicated journal, *FrameWorks*:

2023 FRAMEWORKS FELLOWS

Nine Abad

A Nation of Sons and Stars:
The Santo Niño de Cebu in
Colonial Narratives of Filipino
Identity

Mentored by Robert Cremins

Kalena Holeman

Katabasis in the Black
Diaspora: Dante's Pilgrim in
Ellison's *Invisible Man* and
Walcott's *Omeros*

Mentored by Daniel Davies

Skyler Houser

Beyond Tut-Mania:
Contextualizing Pharaoh
Tutankhamun's Iron Dagger

Mentored by Dustin Gish

Adriana Lopez Cajigas

"Remember Who You Are":
The Lion King and the Disney
Aura

Mentored by Max Rayneard

Tuyen Le

Rehumanizing the War in
Vietnam: Propaganda Art and
the Northern Perspective

Mentored by Ricky Garner

Alivia Mayfield

Ambitious, Monstrous,
Remorseful: Alexander the
Great in 1.5 Million Tesseræ

Mentored by Michael Barnes

Isha Merchant

Bollywood on TikTok: The
Item Song, Community, and
South Asian Diasporic Identity

Mentored by Laura Bland

Katerina Munoz

The Power of Naming: Father-
Daughter Rape in Nabokov's
Lolita

Mentored by Lesli Vollrath

Adolfo Salazar

Si No Sanas Hoy, Sanarás
Mañana: Curanderismo
and Health Care for
Undocumented Mexican
Immigrants

Mentored by Amanda Ellis

Zainab Tafish

Islam on Disability: Physical
and Metaphorical Blindness

Mentored by Quinn Valier



THE UH BONNER LEADERS PROGRAM



The Bonner Leaders Program is a service-learning organization in the Honors College at the University of Houston and a member program of the national Bonner network. In addition to curricular learning, Bonner students engage in 5-10 service hours weekly, and they conduct long-term service projects in the community surrounding UH which aim to alleviate the effects of poverty related to food insecurity, education,

and community health. In doing so, students learn leadership, project management, and technical skills, and they undergo extensive personal and professional development. In addition to service leadership, Bonner students participate in policy and issue area research projects. The Bonner program has two broad goals: poverty alleviation and the development of effective and ethical leaders who are prepared for the real-world challenges that await them post-graduation in their lives, work, and communities.

STUDENTS

Nikhila Achanta	Alyssa Green	Hira Marrium	Cameron Sartin
Sachitha Aithal	Gina Grenyo	Olivia McGaughran	Soraya Sato
Maheswar Ajaykumar	Jayden Gunsolley	Genesis McGriggs	Noor Shabaneh
Camryn Alberigo	Sigmund Haidacher	Jonathan Medina-	Abishek Shaju
Naumi Aparanji	Julianna Hamilton	Cornejo	Sarah Siddiqui
Yahya Arain	Pranav Hariharan	Helen Melka	Kelan Smith
Bryan Armbruster	Tan Hoang	Mohamed Meziou	Marcella Smith
Briana Azad	Haian Hoang	Zaara Michalewicz	Nathan Stiehl
Lara Badran	Fayha Iqbal	Qudsia Najwa	Matthew Tao
Ayesha Baloch	Yusuf Islam	Minh Dat Nguyen	Brandon Than
Brandt Bechtel	Deborah Jacob	Hang Nguyen	Tiffani Than
Sarah Belew	Sina Jafari	Ngoc-Trang Adrienne	Emily Thomas
Mihret Beregen	Neha Joshi	Nguyen	Karime Torres
Surya Bhat	Amber Jozwiak	Que Huong Nguyen	Samuel Tran
Zahra Bhattacharya	Saarangi Kaimal	Quynh Huong	Katelyn Trinh
Dylan Bouyer	Kathryn Kalchik	Nguyen	Veena Vinod
Tiffany Bui	Katrina Kasyan	Keilana Nicholas	Auburn Waid
Paul Daniel	Makenna Celeste	David Odum	Cole Woody
Saptarshi De	Kennedy	Diya Patel	Samiha Zaman
An Dinh	Hannah Kim	Uma Patel	
Kristin Dinh	Reagan Kimberly	Vi Pham	
Jessi Dixon	Sarah Grace Kimberly	Isaac Placencio	
Mariam Dumitrascu	Antonio Kirts	Hira Qazi	
Samma Elhammady	Lindsay Klotz	Nithya	
Camila Flores Reyes	Spurthi Kuppasad	Ramankulangara	
Shane Foreman	Preston Lee	Hannah Reeves	
Ana Frausto Leija	Noah LeFlore	Jason Ren	
Salma Gaballa	Natalie Linde	Anisha Sakhare	
Manali Catherine	Daniel Maguadog	Olivia Salinas	
Ghurye	Ehson Maleki	Haley Salinas	

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Irene Guenther	Janet Lawler	Bradley Smith	Trinity Rayder
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UH SPEECH & DEBATE PROGRAM

The University of Houston Speech & Debate program is the home of competitive speech and debate on campus. A co-curricular program of the Honors College, it harnesses the competitive energy of UH undergraduates to engage them in research, argumentation, and leadership on the grand challenges facing contemporary society. As a high-impact key engagement activity, its strategic goals are to cultivate competitive success, encourage campus engagement, and foster community building across Houston and beyond.

2022-2023 COMPETITION TEAM PARTICIPANTS

Nine Abad	David Johns Johns	Wajih Rehman
James Allan	Deaunte Johnson	Tanner Russell
Mohib Awan	Kiran Khan	Laura Sanchez
Yajat Bhargav	Rex Kidd Kidd	Bryce Sheffield
Aris Cajiza	Atirikta Kumar	Matthew Tao
Iyad Chowdhury	Sydney Lacer	Raquel Threat
Kevin Corpus Hernandez	Tuyen Le	Valeria Torres
Rory or Rowan Dempsey	Rosemarie Le	Parker Traxler
Hector Doratt	Gabby Lea	Jackson Treat
Derick Fan	Sergio Longoria	Dian Varughese
Aaron Fernandez	Katie Lopez	Sophie Wilson
Hunter Foster	Mellissa Martinez	Sripad (Sri) Yadagiri
Summer Gebrail	Kadon Miller	Zubia Zahid
Eyoel Gebrelul	Alice Nguyen	
Jenna Goodrich	Shasha Ogork	
Frida Guzman Novoa	Erwin Puthoor Manoj	
Spiro Hoxha	Saron Regassa	

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THE HUMAN SITUATION 45TH ANNIVERSARY

Liberal education in the Honors College begins with “The Human Situation,” a year-long course in which students of all colleges and majors join with faculty representing a range of humanities fields to read, discuss, and write about the foundational texts and ideas of Western world literature.

Guided by the vision of a common academic experience for all Honors College students, the course began in the fall of 1977 with four professors, a mere 75 students, and a list of ancient Greek texts. Today, Teams Alpha and Omega together enroll over 600 students and are taught by nearly 20 professors. While the classic texts of Greek civilization — foundational to modern science, democracy, philosophy, medicine, drama, and academic life itself — still figure prominently in the fall semester, the course has evolved to include books from a number of other ancient cultures. Recent “Antiquity” reading lists have featured texts from Roman, Hebrew, Christian, Islamic, Egyptian, Mesopotamian, Indian and Chinese traditions.

Early in its history, the course grew to include a spring semester covering the origins of “Modernity,” the period beginning with the Renaissance and leading to the present. Spring readings lists invariably include a Shakespeare play, along with literary and philosophical texts representing broad intellectual movements such as the Enlightenment, Romanticism, Modernism, and Post-Colonialism.

The course offers students several ways to engage with the assigned texts. Each week, they attend a series of lectures given by an interdisciplinary team of Honors faculty, as well as small seminar-style discussions led by a single faculty member. They write a number of critical essays on the assigned texts, and receive detailed feedback on both the content and style of their writing. The semester culminates in an oral final exam, during which students are called upon to think on their feet as they synthesize and articulate their thinking over the course of the semester.





LEARNING ABROAD AND LEARNING AWAY

Honors College students often study abroad or study away to enhance their college experience. Each year, Honors College faculty and staff plan several journeys and support student travel to regional and national conferences and conventions.

CREATIVE WORK, HOUSTON ARTISTS AT WORK

This course offered students a new capstone experience for the Creative Work pre-professional program/minor. The class was a sustained engagement with artistic process, with a particular emphasis on creative practitioners at work in the city of Houston. It looked for answers to the question, “Once you have a great idea, how do you realize it?”

Many case-studies, both archival and contemporary, helped with this inquiry. Dialogue with notable creative citizens was particularly enlightening. Our guests included: Jamie Portwood, Programming Director at WriteSpace, an emerging Houston literary arts organization; Dr. Christine Galib, local author and Senior Director for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Ion, the hub of Houston’s innovation district; and Pete Gershon, Curator of Programs at the Orange Show Center for Visionary Art. Gershon also gave students a guided tour of the Orange Show campus, where they learned about features such as the Orange Show monument and the community-created Smither Park. Other explorations of our city’s “creative climate” included visits to Classical Theatre Company at the historic DeLuxe Theater, “Cambodian Rock Band” at the Alley Theatre, the Alberto Giacometti exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts, and the “Artists on Walter Hopps” talk at the Menil Collection.

PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

Camille Anigbogu
Joseph Babu
Yasdi Bejarano
Courtney Calhoun
Isaac Deberry
Jessi Dixon

Sonia Escobedo
Tyler Hermes
Anthony Kehl
Ayah Obeid
Ryan Oseguera
Gaby Perez

Diego Rodriguez
Sydney Stogel
Claudette Vega
Raquel Wood

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SUMMER 2023: SAN CRISTOBAL, GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS, ECUADOR

Students prepared for this grand adventure by taking the spring 2023 biology class “GalapaGO! Research Based Learning Abroad,” and many students also independently earned SCUBA certifications. After visiting Quito, Ecuador, the students spent three weeks on San Cristobal Island rotating through various research projects associated with Universidad San Francisco de Quito’s Galápagos Island Research Center. At USFQ, students had the opportunity to work with researchers monitoring local sea turtle populations by surveying the local bays for turtles and then using photographs through a sea turtle facial recognition software to track their movements. The group spent time in the highlands of the island finding petrel nests, which are an important sea bird in the Galápagos, and learning how to use ARC GIS to map their locations. Students also learned to survey sea urchin abundances and quantify the temperature driven movements of lava lizards. Finally, they studied how microplastics impacted one of the few natural ecosystems on the planet. This was done by looking for plastic on beaches and throughout the local town, and then determining the original source of the plastic pollution.

STUDENTS

Sakina Abideen	Fiona Lynn Gavilan	Sophia LaRochele	Victoria Mitteness
Jose Lucas Alvarado	Juan Paulo Gonzales	Preston Lee	Teoh
Binte Areeba -Sohail	Laeticia Guenoun	Susanna Lopez	Stephanie Lynn
Cialmar Angelic	Jordan Holub	Herrera	Wenzlawsh
Caldas	Deziree Shannell	Dafne C Medrano	Kayla Denise
Kevin Chen	Hudson	Larose Mutombo	Zinsmeyer
Cristina Marie Deleon	Rex Walker Kidd	Fernanda Navarro	
Emilio Ramon	Ingrid Freya Kooda	Alexis Ruiz	
Espinosa	Gabrielle Kostecki	Lymya I-Kae Southern	

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Ricardo Azevedo	Marc Hanke	Rebecca Zufall
Jacob Daane	Martin Nunez	







SUMMER 2023: HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAM IN JORDAN

The Honors College returned to Jordan to see how humanitarian aid workers at the Jordan Health Aid Society international (JHASi) have been addressing the various disaster-related crises in the Middle East and North Africa region. In addition to aiding Syrian refugees in Za'atari camp with family planning, nutrition, and maternal care, the students' other projects took a deep dive into the impacts of climate change on health. Their research, concept notes, and proposals helped establish and fund a new region-wide initiative on Disaster Management and Coordinated Humanitarian Response.

As part of the 2023 program expansion, two students worked in a local non-governmental organization (NGO) that provides legal assistance to vulnerable populations from various backgrounds. Adding this new partner gave Team Jordan a two-pronged approach through which students better understood the challenges of providing long-term refugee care in a middle-income country. Students concluded six weeks of service at their assigned NGOs and completed creative projects in-country.

Cultural experiences included Eid al-Istiklaal (Independence Day), a Royal Wedding, Eid al-Adha (The Celebration of Sacrifice), Petra, the Dead Sea, Jarash, Ajloun Castle, Madaba, the Roman Theater, the Citadel, Wadi Rum, Wadi Mujib, Aqaba, dance classes, and more. Students also studied and practiced day-to-day Arabic with faculty from the School for International Training — Jordan and UH, and the host families with whom they stayed.

STUDENTS

Fatinah Al-Hmoud
Nicholas Cusato
Rory Dempsey

Sonia Escobedo
Saira Haque
Itzel Miranda

Maleni Ramesh
Lacy Richards
Sallianne Roher

Brady Teel
Charis Wu

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THE SMITHSONIAN

The Houston Health Museum, a Smithsonian affiliate, hosted Honors College interns. The hands-on experience included working with kids in summer science camps, teaching in the DeBakey Cell Lab, leading the Global Teen Medical Summit, working with museum staff on exhibitions and programs, and giving visitors tours.

STUDENTS

Stephanie Baquedano
Caleb Bernheisel

Anthony Freeman
Juliana Huertas

Tofunmi Jewesimi

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Alison Leland

Mary Ann Ottinger



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Model United Nations (MUN) is a program designed to educate students of all ages about current events in international relations. Model UN participants will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of how the UN-body countries cooperate with one another to address today’s critical global issues, such as eliminating famine, protecting human rights, providing basic life necessities, preventing or ending armed conflicts, and more. This year, the following delegates represented the Honors College at the University of Houston:

STUDENTS — WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ishna Ali	Pranav Hariharan	Maleni Ramesh
Christianna Avouris	Saira Haque	Swetha Saravanan
Evan Burgoon	Jacob Loew	Zainab Tafish
Laurel Cordova	Yug Patel	

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Erica Barrerez-Mahan	Keri Myrick
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STUDENTS — CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Ishna Ali	Laurel Cordova	Mathanee “MJ” Perez-Ortiz
Cruz Almonaci Vargas	Jacob Loew	Zainab Tafish
Evan Burgoon	Yug Patel	

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MODEL G20

Model G20 (MG20) is an innovative program designed to fully simulate a G20 Leaders’ Summit. Recognizing the G20’s influence in shaping today’s world, we seek to prepare future leaders to build a strong, sustainable, balanced, and inclusive global economy. MG20 helps students develop skills in multilateral negotiations, public speaking, team-building strategy, and diplomacy. A closer look at the inner workings and agenda of the G20 provides participants with a better understanding of the dynamics of international affairs, including such key issues as economic growth, job creation, migration, refugees, trade agreements, financial regulation, development, climate change, and others. The University of Houston delegation representing Brazil took top honors in the Fifth Annual MG20 Summit in 2023.

STUDENTS

Ola Dafaalla	Carlos Hernandez	Monica Sutton-Bryant
Saira Haque	Sanjida “Laura” Lura	

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MODEL ARAB LEAGUE

Since 1988, the Honors College has participated in the National University Model Arab League (NUMAL) conference, held in Washington, D.C. each spring. The League offers students an excellent opportunity to develop professional skills while learning about the social, economic, cultural, and political issues facing leaders of the Arab world. Participation in MAL is valuable to students of all academic majors and backgrounds. Delegates learn to master public speaking and discussion, writing and editing, interpersonal relations, and cross-cultural dialogue. Participants come away with practiced skills that will serve them well in their future endeavors. This past spring, the following delegates represented the Honors College at the University of Houston:

STUDENTS

Salma Abbady
Kathryn Aing
Mawada Al Faisal
Gerardo Angulo

Musa Fareed
Nikki Hammond
Saira Haque
Alveena Imran

Kara Nevle
Ngwanma Nwafor

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2022-2023 TERRY SCHOLARS STUDY ABROAD

Since 2015, a total of 93 Terry Scholars have received \$800,000 from the Terry Foundation to fund their study abroad experiences. In the 2022-23 academic year, the following Terry Scholars participated in study abroad:

STUDENTS

Mckenna Campsey (Taiwan)

Theresa Pham (Italy)



LERNER FAMILY FUND SCHOLARSHIP

The Lerner Family Fund Scholarship is the primary learning abroad scholarship offered by the Honors College. Honors College students or students participating in Honors faculty-led programs who are in good academic standing are invited to apply. Lerner Scholarship amounts vary based on program length and cost (including anticipated in-country expenses), students' complete financial aid package, cost of attendance, and prior receipt of a Lerner Scholarship.

The Lerner Scholarship awards both need- and non-need-based funding. Please note that late or incomplete applications may not be considered. Funds will be awarded as available. Priority will be given to students participating in UH faculty-led travel programs. Students must be currently enrolled to receive awards. Students can apply on the Office of Global Engagement and Special Programs (OGESP) website: www.thehonorscollege.com/globalengagement

Lerner Scholarship application due dates are based on the semester of travel:

Date of Travel	Fall 2023, Winter 2024	Winter or Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Scholarship Application Deadline	Due by October 1	Due by November 1 (winter and semester-long programs) or February 1 (spring break travel or later)	Due by March 1

2023 LERNER FAMILY FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Salma Abbady	Samma Elhammady	Audrey Nguyen
Katy Aing	Sonia Escobedo	Ngwanma Nwafor
Mawada Al Faisal	Musa Fareed	Yugbhai Patel
Fatinah Al-Hmoud	Camila Flores Reyes	Mathanee Perez-Ortiz
Ishna Ali	Kennedy Foxwell	Malini Prasad
Cruz Almonaci Vargas	Nikki Hammond	Maleni Ramesh
Gerardo Angulo	Saira Haque	Lacy Richards
Sarah Belew	Carlos Hernandez	Sallianne Roher
Evan Burgoon	Alveena Imran	Alexis Ruiz
Michaela Butler	Gabrielle Kostecki	Swetha Saravanan
Laurel Cordova	Preston Lee	Monica Sutton-Bryant
Nicholas Cusato	Jacob Loew	Zainab Tafish
Ola Dafaalla	Itzel Miranda	Brady Teel
Rory Dempsey	Kara Nevle	Charis Wu

2023 THOMAS MONROE TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Laurel Cordova	Charvi Negandhi	Tarami Readus
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GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT: 2023-2024

The Honors College's global engagement programming is running at full speed this academic year! All students are invited to check out the experiential learning opportunities available during the 2023-2024 academic year.

ISRAEL: ANCIENT & MODERN

Few places are as important to world history as Israel, central to three great religions, full of panoramic beauty, and the site of a bustling and fascinating culture. On this trip, we will explore Israel's ancient history as well as its lively contemporary existence. In Jerusalem, we will see the city of David and the Western Wall, sites important to Judaism, as well as the Muslim Quarter and the Haram al-Sharif (Temple Mount), which has played a central role in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We will visit sites central to the Gospels, like the Mount of Olives, Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee, and Capernaum and Magdala, believed to be the homes of St. Peter and Mary Magdalene. In northern Israel, we will see Tel Dan and Banias, thought by some to be the most beautiful place on earth, along with Herod's capital, Caesaria, Megiddo, and the fascinating Crusader ruins of Akko. In Tzippori, we'll examine the "Mona Lisa of the Galilee." We'll kayak down the Jordan River and unwind in Gan HaShlosa, a spectacular natural spring. We will visit archaeological sites reflected in biblical history, like Lachish, Tel Gezer, and Khirbet Qeiyafa, as well as the Greek and Islamic site of Beit Guvrin-Maresha. And we will tour Yad Vashem, the most significant Holocaust museum in the world. We will end our tour of Israel by climbing Masada, where the Jewish rebels against Rome took their incredible last stand, cooling off in the spring waters of Ein Gedi and floating in the Dead Sea.

TRAVEL DATES: MAY 13–23, 2024

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Carol Cooper

David Mikics

CHILE & ARGENTINA: POLITICS, WHITE GOLD, & THE LITHIUM TRIANGLE

Chile and Argentina hold the world's greatest reserves of lithium, a metal which will be critical for the energy transition and electrification of the many sectors of our economy. This study abroad program will explore this sector of their economies and will study the political systems of these two countries. It has the following learning objectives: (a) gain deep understanding of the lithium global supply and its role in the energy transition, (b) develop an understanding of the Chilean and Argentine political systems, and (c) establish connections between the global supply chains and countries that exercise disproportionate amounts of influence over such chains.

TRAVEL DATES: JUNE 5–20, 2024

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Ognjen Miljanic



HONORS COLLEGE CURRICULAR MINORS AND PROGRAMS

MINORS

CREATIVE WORK

The Creative Work minor is a pre-professional program for students interested in following great ideas from inspiration to realization. Looking to exemplars in the arts and the solutions they inspire, the minor asks students to bring their best minds to the world's social, ethical, political, artistic, and pragmatic challenges. The minor is dedicated to the notion that brilliant ideas rarely come to fruition without interdisciplinary, collaborative approaches.

DATA & SOCIETY

Data & Society explores the social impact of data science, including how new techniques reflect broader economic and political systems and how these approaches impact humanities' informed decision-making. At the core of the minor are opportunities to work on projects that utilize data to bring the needs and voices of Houston's communities to the forefront. Students who complete the minor will not only build knowledge and skills but will also leave with a meaningful story to tell about their project.

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Energy and Sustainability minor is an interdisciplinary study of issues surrounding existing, transitional, and alternative energy resources. Issues are approached from the perspectives of engineering and technology, economics and business, architecture and design, public policy, and history. Students in the minor will have the opportunity to meet key contacts in the energy field and stay engaged in the business community.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH

The Global Engagement and Research minor and program take as a given that to develop a true global awareness, students should build on what they learn in the classroom through meaningful engagement with the communities they seek to understand. Global is defined broadly as a mode of inquiry and exploration that includes Houston and its region, the nation, and the world. Elective courses include a significant experiential learning component that includes Learning Abroad/Learning Away experiences, service learning, and community research.

LEADERSHIP STUDIES

The Leadership Studies minor seeks to promote leadership development by educating students for and about leadership in a complex world and is dedicated to advancing the field of leadership studies by building upon and critically evaluating existing theoretical, research-based, and practical knowledge. The goal of the minor is to prepare students to serve effectively in formal and informal leadership roles in campus, local, national, and global contexts.

MEDICINE & SOCIETY

The Medicine & Society minor is an interdisciplinary course of study focused on the medical humanities and health ethics. It is designed for both students pursuing a career in the health professions as well as any other majors interested in gaining a deeper understanding of issues of health and disease from a variety of perspectives. When it comes to the effective practice of medicine — empathic, compassionate, and attentive — the study of humanities plays a crucial role. Not only does it lead to a greater awareness of the many local, national, and global challenges faced by medical communities in both the past and present, but it can also point to innovative future solutions as well.

PHRONËSIS: POLITICS & ETHICS

Phronësis is the ancient Greek word for prudence, or practical wisdom. As an Honors minor and program in Politics & Ethics, *Phronësis* aims to cultivate practical intelligence. Students in this program develop their capacities to engage difficult moral and political issues confronting our world today. In their courses, students discuss fundamental questions and problems of political and moral concern from a wide range of perspectives.



AFFILIATED DISCIPLINARY HONORS PROGRAMS

BAUER BUSINESS HONORS PROGRAM

The Bauer Business Honors Program offers a specialized business Honors curriculum along with networking and social events for Honors College business majors. With an outstanding curriculum and ample opportunities to interact with alumni and corporate friends, Bauer Honors provides students with a competitive advantage when entering the corporate world or pursuing graduate school.

CLASS HONORS PROGRAM

The CLASS Honors Program, in partnership with the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, offers Honors students majoring in the humanities, liberal arts, and social sciences, a robust range of co-curricular programming, enhanced Honors course offerings in their chosen major, and a community of motivated scholars.

HONORS ENGINEERING PROGRAM

A joint endeavor with the Honors College and the Cullen College of Engineering, this program gives top engineering students opportunities to take more challenging courses and to pursue undergraduate research activities. As you begin your sophomore year of study, you will have Honors course opportunities every semester through graduation.

JOINT CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

3+3 HONORS *PHRONËSIS*/LAW DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM (UH LAW)

The 3+3 Law Dual Degree Program offers Honors College students the opportunity to learn more about the necessary preparation for law school and the practice of law. Successful students have the opportunity to begin studies at the UH Law Center following the completion of their third year in the Honors College.

3+2 HONORS *PHRONËSIS*/PUBLIC POLICY DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM (HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY)

The Honors College, in collaboration with the Hobby School of Public Policy and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, offers a 3+2 Program, an Undergraduate/Masters in Public Policy Dual Degree Program. The program will allow a small group of exceptional students the opportunity to enter the Hobby School of Public Affairs' Master of Public Policy (MPP) program one year early, at the end of their junior year in the Honors College. The program will offer mentoring, support, and advising.

THE HOUSTON PREMEDICAL ACADEMY (BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE)

The Houston Premedical Academy is a partnership between the Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions and the Baylor College of Medicine, where students apply for up to six conditionally guaranteed slots at Baylor College of Medicine. Students are selected through interviews held at Baylor College of Medicine during their senior year at DeBakey High School.

HMED (TILMAN J. FERTITTA FAMILY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE)

The HonorsMed (HMed) program provides selected students with a conditional acceptance pathway to medical school. HMed is a partnership between the Honors College and the Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine.



HONORS COLLEGE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

HONORS IN CO-CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT

The Honors in Co-Curricular Engagement (HCCE) transcript designation is awarded to students upon graduation who pursue a broad range of experiential learning opportunities from freshman to senior year. Students can pursue undergraduate research, internships, learning away and abroad, service learning, leadership experience and other academic enrichment opportunities. Students are strongly encouraged to be intentional about their program selection and focus on experiences that support their long-term goals, help them develop skills they need, and align with their values and interests.



SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAMS

The Honors College Service Learning program brings community members, faculty, and students together to address challenges affecting quality of life in the city and region.

BONNER LEADERS PROGRAM

The Bonner Leaders are students dedicated to improving lives in the community. They respond to the economic, social, and cultural challenges affecting the quality of life in the city of Houston. The Bonners are top academic performers who learn by engaging in the community. Through their project-based service, Bonner Leaders learn critical skills, including leadership, teamwork, project planning, and time management. Bonner students serve on one of seven projects aimed at alleviating the effects of poverty in Houston in the areas of education and food insecurity.

DATA ANALYTICS IN STUDENT HANDS (DASH)

The new age in computing is not just big data — it's how we approach the world using all the information now available at our fingertips. DASH puts the tools in student hands and provides the projects that organize learning around small groups doing meaningful work in the community. DASH works to nourish a new attitude towards data. Understanding the human implications of technology begins with a close engagement with the new tools that let data analytics resonate with meaning and a sense of purpose.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER INITIATIVE (CHWI)

Community Health Workers (CHW) are the frontline of a transformation in health care where prevention, behavior change, resource matching, and health advocacy all come from the communities themselves. Students interested in becoming a certified CHW can complete a 160-hour course approved by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). UH students study alongside community members training to work in the frontlines for health and service non-profits.

GRAND CHALLENGES FORUM

The Honors College is committed to the education and development of the whole person. The Grand Challenges Forum offers us a platform to challenge and inspire students to pursue success that will last a lifetime. Speakers from industry as well as the academy are invited to present new ideas, pose pressing questions, and offer exciting opportunities to students that will enhance their experience at the University of Houston and beyond.

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND MAJOR AWARDS

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards (OURMA) provides mentored research opportunities for undergraduates of all majors and departments across campus. Participation in undergraduate research enables undergraduates to make a difference in their fields and form strong mentorships with faculty members in their discipline. Through OURMA, the Honors College offers several programs, including: Houston Early Research Experience (HERE), Mellon Research Scholars, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF), Provost's Undergraduate Research Scholarship (PURS), Research for Aspiring Coogs in the Humanities (REACH), and Energy Scholars.

FRAMEWORKS

The FrameWorks program is dedicated to elevating undergraduate critical inquiry in the interdisciplinary humanities through mentorship and peer-support, an annual symposium and the publication of undergraduate humanities research in a dedicated journal, *FrameWorks*. The FrameWorks program is generously supported by the Honors College, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and the Cougar Initiative to Engage (CITE).

HOUSTON SCHOLARS

The Houston Scholars is a competitive program for high-achieving freshmen and sophomores to receive mentorship and scholarship funding to pursue research, internships, and other distinctive experiential learning opportunities. Through targeted programming, participants will hone their academic and professional skills, develop connections with faculty, engage in scholarly endeavors, and be prepared to apply to nationally competitive scholarships and top graduate programs.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Applying to national fellowships and major awards can be a critical component of any student's education. These opportunities are instrumental towards enhancing the academic and professional development of a candidate, providing guidance and constructive feedback throughout the application process, as well as valuable preparation for future applications, such as jobs and graduate school. OURMA's website includes information on undergraduate and graduate fellowships in addition to research and internship opportunities.

SENIOR HONORS THESIS

The Senior Honors Thesis is a 2-semester, 6 credit hour capstone research experience under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Students of all majors can participate — membership in the Honors College is not required. The Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards collaborates with the Honors College and the college of the student's major to oversee the thesis process and approval.

HONORS SOCIETIES

PHI BETA KAPPA

Since its founding in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society, has celebrated excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and championed freedom of thought. PBK recognizes the best and brightest liberal arts and sciences undergraduates and grants lifelong membership through a highly competitive selection process. The Mu of Texas chapter, PBK's 284th, was installed on March 4, 2016, at the University of Houston.

PHI KAPPA PHI

Established in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest honor society to recognize excellence across the academic disciplines. Invited members graduate in the top 10 percent of their class. When translated from Greek, PKP's motto is "Let the love of learning rule humanity." This is demonstrated by the society's mission to engage its community of scholars in service to others. The University of Houston chapter was installed in 1949 and inducts, on average, 150 students annually.

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THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HONOR SOCIETY

The purpose of ODK is to recognize University of Houston students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and scholarship. ODK acknowledges and encourages achievement in scholarship, athletics, campus community service, social and religious activities, campus government, journalism, speech, mass media, and the creative and performing arts.



LEARNING ABROAD AND LEARNING AWAY PROGRAMS

The Honors College offers learning abroad and learning away trips to add an experiential dimension to the Honors curriculum and provide a peak experience in a student's success that will last a lifetime. Previous trips have included Italy, Greece, Tunisia, Egypt, the Netherlands, Ireland, Jordan, and Israel. Previous trips have included Milledgeville, GA; New Orleans, LA; Santa Fe, NM; and Houston's world-renowned Medical Center. All learning abroad and learning away programs and courses are open to all students, regardless of major, discipline, or membership in the Honors College.

MODEL DEBATE PROGRAMS

The Office of Global Engagement and Special Programs (OGESP) focuses heavily on experiential learning opportunities, local to global, and provides students with transformative learning experiences that foster global citizenship through cross-cultural awareness, critical reflection, ethical principles and sustainable practices. OGESp sponsors several Model Debate Programs: Model G20, Model United Nations, Model Arab League, and Model World Health Organization.

ROSS M. LENCE MASTER TEACHER RESIDENCY

Ross M. Lence taught in the Political Science department and the Honors College for 35 years, from 1971 until his passing. In spring 2013, the Honors College established the Lence Seminar, which is taught annually in the spring. The course revisits courses taught by Professor Lence, informed by the syllabi he used and the three-page essays he assigned. The goal of the seminar is to recapture, to the degree possible, the essence of a Lence course.

UH SPEECH AND DEBATE PROGRAMS

The Honors College houses the University of Houston's Speech and Debate program, the largest policy debate program in the country. This co-curricular program includes competitive debate and individual events teams, a public debate series, and an exciting cluster of courses. The program draws on rhetorical theory and requires research into complex matters of public policy such as energy, the environment, and health care. The program is open to all students, from novices to seasoned competitors.



HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



CLUB THEATER

Club Theater is a student acted, directed, produced, and written theater troupe that produces a series of short plays every semester showcasing the theatrical talent of Honors students. Club Theater welcomes individuals with all levels of experience and interest in all aspects of theater.

HONORS ADVOCATES

Honors Advocates is a volunteer organization that recruits and orients new students to the University and the Honors community. Some advocates also serve as advisers and counselors with the Honors staff during summer orientation sessions and the Honors Retreat.

HONORS AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors are a select group of Honors College students who represent the College to both internal and external constituencies, including prospective students, alumni, and donors.

HONORS COLLEGE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Honors College Mentorship Program provides guidance and support to incoming students through peer mentoring. Incoming Honors students are encouraged to meet with student mentors regularly as well as participate in a variety of Honors community building events to ensure a successful transition to the University of Houston.

HONORS IN COMMUNITY HEALTH (HICH)

Honors in Community Health (HICH) is a student-led organization that uses its understanding of the social determinants of health to explore community engagement, advocacy, and research. HICH provides all students at the University of Houston the opportunity to design, implement, and lead a wide variety of community health projects.

STUDENT GOVERNING BOARD

The Student Governing Board (SGB) functions as a liaison between the Honors faculty, administration, and students, and as a planning body for the various social activities for the College.

TERRY SCHOLARS

The Terry Scholars chapter promotes student success both inside and outside the classroom, providing its members an academic support network and sponsoring monthly community service opportunities open to all University of Houston students.

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