

HONORS PROGRAM

2014-2015 FACT SHEET



THE HONORS PROGRAM PILLARS

CHALLENGING ACADEMICS

- ▲ Honors seminars taught by leading faculty members
- ▲ Smaller Honors classes with peers
- ▲ Interdisciplinary Honors Core courses
- ▲ Required Honors thesis/project
- ▲ Enrollment in graduate courses
- ▲ Priority registration (by academic level)
- ▲ Graduate student library privileges

PERSONALIZED ENVIRONMENT

- ▲ Faculty advisors in each discipline
- ▲ Thesis supervisors as research mentors in academic disciplines
- ▲ Honors advisor for undecided, pre-education, and pre-pharmacy majors
- ▲ Honors STEM advisor
- ▲ Honors staff advisors
- ▲ Pre-law, pre-medicine, and pre-dental school guidance

HONORS COMMUNITY

- ▲ Honors housing options by class year
- ▲ Lectures, presentations, workshops, and cultural events
- ▲ Mentoring and networking at events with faculty and distinguished guests
- ▲ Leadership in student-run organizations and initiatives
- ▲ Alumni connections

ENGAGEMENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- ▲ Honors Education Abroad/Away (e.g. Cape Town, Singapore, Spain, and the DC internship)
- ▲ Peer mentoring and leadership training
- ▲ Undergraduate research opportunities
- ▲ Mentoring for prestigious national and international scholarship and fellowship competitions

HONORS FIRST-YEAR STUDENT PROFILE (Fall 2014)

Enrollment: 508 first-year students
Average SAT Score: 1405 (Critical Reading + Math)
Average ACT Score: 32
Average Class Rank: 96%
In-State: 71% **Out-of-State:** 29%
Female: 48% **Male:** 52%
Valedictorians: 45 **Salutatorians:** 23
Merit-based Awards: 94%
Advanced Standing: 71% of first years began with second semester standing or beyond; 35% began with sophomore standing or higher

HONORS ENROLLMENT

Total Honors Enrollment: **1,974**

Academic Center for Exploratory Students	124
College of Agriculture	125
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	969
School of Business	166
School of Business/School of Engineering	18
Neag School of Education	26
School of Engineering	430
School of Fine Arts	36
School of Nursing	37
School of Pharmacy	43

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ▲ Honors Scholar thesis/project requirement (with individual thesis advisors)
- ▲ Frontiers in Undergraduate Research poster exhibitions give students experience presenting research
- ▲ Various grants that fund projects, supplies, and travel. One such program, the Summer Undergraduate Research Fund (SURF), awarded a total of \$223,442 across all of the UConn campuses in 2014.
- ▲ UConn IDEA Grants to support innovative, student-designed projects

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

UConn students are prime candidates for competitive national and international scholarship and fellowship competitions. In addition to many nominations, UConn students have won many prestigious awards, including:

(Data taken between 2006 to 2014)

Marshall (2), Mitchell (1), Goldwater (14), Fulbright (24), Udall (5), Truman (2), NSF Grad (36), Phi Kappa Phi (4), NSEP Boren (1), Pearson National Fellow (1), Cambridge International Scholarship (1), Benjamin Gilman (10), Critical Language (5), NOAA Hollings (4), DOE SCG (1), NASA Grad (6), SMART (3), NCHC Portz (3), Pickering (1)

RECENT GRADUATION STATISTICS

(August 2013, December 2013, & May 2014)

- ▲ Honors Scholars 320
- ▲ University Scholars 22

GRADUATING FROM HONORS

- ▲ Honors Medals Ceremony for seniors with recognition by the University President
- ▲ Graduation medallions worn by Honors graduates at Commencement
- ▲ Recognition in the Commencement program as an "Honors Scholar"
- ▲ "Honors Scholar" included on transcripts and diplomas

WHERE HONORS SCHOLARS HAVE ACCEPTED OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate School

Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Emory, Harvard, NYU, Princeton, Purdue, Tufts, UConn, University of Michigan, University of Southern California, Yale

Professional School

Albert Einstein, Boston College, Boston University, Columbia, Harvard, UConn, UNC-Chapel Hill, University of Maryland, Weill Cornell, Yale

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

HONORS PROGRAM

Provides motivated undergraduates from all disciplines a framework to excel at the highest level. Special programs include:

- ▲ **Special Programs in Law, Medicine, or Dental Medicine**
Partnerships for conditional admission to the UConn School of Law or UConn Health Center (for selected first-year Honors students)
- ▲ **John and Valerie Rowe Health Professions Scholars Program**
Scholarships, mentors, and other funding for underrepresented in-state undergraduates interested in health care

STEM Scholars

Scholarships, mentors, internships, and seminars for select STEM undergraduates

Holster First Year Project

Research grants for select freshmen the summer after their first year

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Assists students in all disciplines, across, all campuses, interested in research and creative activity

OFFICE OF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Recruits and mentors students as they compete for prestigious scholarships and fellowships

PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Provide direction and advice to UConn students and alumni interested in medical, dental, or law professional programs

INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR PROGRAM

Works with students with interests beyond available majors at UConn, helping them create their own majors, with help from advisors and committee approval

UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Selects no more than 30 juniors annually to complete major pieces of research or creative work under the guidance of a faculty committee

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