

HONORS PROGRAM

2017-2018 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 2017)

Enrollment: 521 first-year students
 Average SAT Score: 1436
 Average ACT Score: 32
 Average Class Rank: 96%
 In-State: 71%
 Out-of-State: 29%
 Female: 49%
 Male: 51%
 Valedictorians: 32
 Salutatorians: 30
 Merit-based Awards: 98%

HONORS ENROLLMENT

Total Honors Enrollment: **2,220**

Academic Center for Exploratory Students	129
College of Agriculture, Health & Natural Resources	163
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	1039
Neag School of Education	17
School of Business	198
School of Business/School of Engineering	18
School of Engineering	549
School of Fine Arts	35
School of Nursing	43
School of Pharmacy	29

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
- ▲ UConn IDEA Grants support innovative, student-designed projects
- ▲ Various grants fund supplies, travel, and projects, including full-time summer research
- ▲ In 2016-17, the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) disbursed over \$500,000 in support for student research and creative activity across its funding programs.

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 2017)

Marshall (3), Mitchell (1), Goldwater (16), Fulbright (39), Udall (5), Truman (2), NSF Grad (56), Phi Kappa Phi (4), NSEP Boren (2), Cambridge International Scholarship (1), Benjamin Gilman (15), Critical Language (8), NOAA Hollings (4), DOE SCG (1), NASA Grad (6), SMART (3), NCHC Portz (5), Pickering (1)

RECENT GRADUATION STATISTICS

(August 2016, December 2016, & May 2017)

- ▲ Honors Scholars 338
- ▲ University Scholars 24

GRADUATING FROM HONORS

- ▲ Completion of scholarly thesis/project as defined by academic discipline
- ▲ Honors Medals Ceremony for seniors with recognition by the University President
- ▲ Graduation medallions worn by Honors graduates at Commencement and recognition in the Commencement program as "Honors Scholar"
- ▲ "Honors Scholar" on transcripts and diplomas

WHERE SOME RECENT HONORS SCHOLARS HAVE ACCEPTED OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate School

Brown, Caltech, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Harvard, MIT, NYU, Princeton, UConn, University of Michigan, Yale

Professional School

Boston University (Med, Law), Columbia, Cornell (Vet), Georgetown, Duke (Med), Florida (Vet), Harvard (Med, Law), Johns Hopkins (Med), Tufts (Med), UConn (Med, Dent, Law), Virginia (Vet), Yale (Med, Law)

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS | Learn more at enrichment.uconn.edu

HONORS PROGRAM

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

- ▲ **Special Programs in Law, Medicine, Dental Medicine, or Pharmacy**

Partnerships for conditional admission to the UConn School of Law, UConn Health Center, or UConn Pharm.D. Program (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