Honors College

The Honors College at the University of Texas at Dallas, established in 2012, houses eight programs dedicated to promoting excellence in undergraduate education.

Three programs offer a four-year cohort experience to participating students, with admission generally restricted to incoming college freshmen. The Collegium V Honors Program provides seminar instruction, personal mentoring and an enhanced academic environment. The National Merit Scholars Program provides personal mentoring and an intellectual framework in addition to a generous financial scholarship for National Merit Scholars attending UT Dallas. National Merit Scholars at UT Dallas are eligible for membership in the Collegium V Honors Program. The UT Dallas Terry Scholars Program provides ambitious student scholars the intellectual, social, cultural and financial support necessary for their preparation as the future leaders of Texas and our nation. The Honors College also works closely with the McDermott Scholars Program.

The other five programs in the Honors College enrich the academic experience of matriculated UT Dallas students. The Office of Distinguished Scholarships provides information, guidance, and mentoring to students applying for nationally competitive scholarship and fellowship programs. The Archer Program combines Washington D.C. internship experience with classroom instruction for an intensive semester of political and policy education. The UT Dallas Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi is the local chapter of the nation’s oldest, largest, and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Undergraduate and graduate students are inducted to Phi Kappa Phi each year. The Prodigy Scholars Program offers bright high school students the opportunity to concurrently enroll in mathematics courses beyond calculus and linear algebra.

The Honors College is located in the Cecil and Ida Green Center at the heart of the UT Dallas campus. We invite visitors to stop by our lobby and review the senior research posters from last year’s graduating class.

Applying to the Honors College at UT Dallas

Students interested in participating in the Honors College at UT Dallas should apply directly to one or more of the constituent programs.

Honors College Cohort Programs

The Collegium V Honors Program

The Collegium V Honors Program provides a four-year honors experience that encourages intellectually creative, inquisitive, and highly motivated students to extend their educational experience beyond the scope of the traditional undergraduate curriculum. Small classes, innovative instruction, world class faculty, bright and inquisitive colleagues, and an array of extracurricular events offer Collegium V members special opportunities for professional and
personal growth at the University. For more information regarding program eligibility and application guidelines, please see the Collegium V Honors Program website.

Program Requirements

Successful completion of the Collegium V Honors Program is noted on the graduate's diploma and transcript. To earn Collegium V Honors, students are required to graduate with a 3.5 GPA and earn 24 semester credit hours in honors work by graduation. A minimum of 12 semester credit hours of Collegium V credit must be earned from Collegium V classes. Up to 12 semester credit hours may be earned through approved honors level work, including undergraduate honors classes, graduate classes, research or internship projects taken as independent studies, university accredited travel abroad class work, and "contract" courses. Students must successfully complete and present an approved honors thesis or honors project.

The Terry Scholars Program

The Terry Scholars Program at UT Dallas provides ambitious student scholars the intellectual, social, cultural and financial support necessary for their preparation as the future leaders of Texas and our nation. It was established in 2006 when Houston-based Terry Foundation expanded its program to include UT Dallas. The Terry Foundation is one of the largest providers of private scholarships in the state of Texas having awarded scholarship funding to over 3,700 scholars statewide since 1986. Their goal is to aid students who show promise of future leadership distinction and to provide ample funding to students who might not otherwise be able to attend college. Students interested in applying to the Terry Scholars Program must apply directly through the University. For more information, please visit the Terry Scholars Program website.

The National Merit Scholars Program

The National Merit Scholars Program at UT Dallas offers students a generous financial package and admission to the Collegium V Honors Program. In addition, the National Merit Scholars Program will host social, cultural and academic events to facilitate interaction between National Merit Scholars at UT Dallas. For more information regarding program eligibility and application guidelines, please see the National Merit Scholars Program website.

Honors College Advanced Programs

The Office of Distinguished Scholarships

The Office of Distinguished Scholarships supports students' efforts to realize their highest professional and intellectual future aspirations through distinguished national scholarships. National public policy and generous philanthropic giving have provided myriad scholarship opportunities for undergraduate students. Generally, a distinguished national scholarship has a national or international applicant pool of students in the top fifth of their academic class and provides an award or recognition to less than a third of applicants. For more information regarding
featured scholarship eligibility and deadlines, please see the website for the Office of Distinguished Scholarships at UT Dallas.

The Archer Program

The mission of the Archer Program is to educate the next generation of leaders from Texas for local, state, federal, and international service. Students in the program attend classes in Washington D.C. while pursuing a full-time internship. For more information regarding program eligibility and application guidelines, please see the Archer Center website.

Texas Legislative Internship Program

The Texas Legislative Internship Program is an undergraduate internship program administered by the Honors College at the University of Texas at Dallas. Students participating in this internship program will work in a state legislative or senatorial office for a full semester. Designed for students from a variety of disciplines, the TLIP offers an opportunity to participate full-time in the state legislative process. For more information regarding program eligibility and application guidelines, please see the website for the Texas Legislative Internship Program.

Phi Kappa Phi

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Its chapters are on more than 300 campuses in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. Each year, approximately 30,000 members are initiated. The UT Dallas chapter of Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members each year. For more information about the local chapter of the honor society, please visit the UT Dallas Phi Kappa Phi website.

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