

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Dear Future UofL Honors Student,

Congratulations on your many academic successes! We are pleased you are considering UofL and we hope to acquaint you with the personalized ways that the Honors Program can help you learn, grow and succeed. The Honors Program has much to offer and this brochure provides an overview of its many benefits: community, connections and classroom.

The Honors Program is a small, tight-knit community of students, staff and faculty. You have the best of both worlds—a top-notch liberal arts education coupled with all that an elite metropolitan research university offers. Our advisors work closely with students on course selections, mentoring, and links to key faculty, campus resources and community leaders. Honors student groups are among the most active on campus and provide a great way to hone leadership skills and get involved locally.

Across academic interests, participating in the University Honors Program will help you make connections. You'll have opportunities for mentoring and professional networking and resources to assist you with deeper exploration. If you're interested in connections across campus, between campus and the surrounding communities, or across the globe, the Honors Program can facilitate these pathways.

Each semester you can choose from an array of exciting Honors classes including offerings in general education, academic majors and minors, and topical seminars. The class sizes are small, providing deeper engagement with course materials, peers and faculty members. Some classes involve travel, work in the city of Louisville or research opportunities. Honors interdisciplinary seminars provide unique chances for study in specialized areas with award-winning professors.

The essence of the University Honors Program is embodied in the spirit, intelligence, drive, creativity and commitment of Honors students. Their energy is endless and their accomplishments are impressive! We hope you will visit campus, ask questions, review the many benefits the Honors Program offers and spend time getting to know our students. If you do, we're confident that you'll want to join Honors.

Sincerely,

Joy L. Hart

Executive Director

University Honors Program



Honors Quick Facts*

1409

TOTAL NUMBER OF HONORS STUDENTS

510

TOTAL NUMBER OF HONORS FRESHMEN

1065

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLARS GRADUATES**

225+

NUMBER OF HONORS COURSES PER YEAR

400

STUDENTS IN HONORS LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

39

TRAVEL SEMINARS SINCE 2000

31

AVERAGE ACT OF INCOMING HONORS STUDENTS

4.2

AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GPA OF INCOMING HONORS STUDENTS

90+%

HONORS FRESHMEN LIVING ON CAMPUS

* All facts are based on preliminary fall 2018 data.

** Since 2002 — University Honors Scholars is an optional program for high-performing Honors students.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

COURSES

Choose from a variety of Honors courses, with an average of 225 offered annually, all of which are small in size, promote deeper engagement with course materials and allow for more interaction with faculty and peers.

ADVISING

Honors students work one-on-one with professional academic advisors to develop a partnership that maximizes the undergraduate experience. Advisors help students forge links from the academic experience to professional, leadership and extracurricular opportunities.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Honors students are among the very first students to register for courses.

CONFERENCES

Honors conferences at the state, regional and national level allow students to exchange ideas with, or present research to, a group of peers and faculty members.

LIVING–LEARNING COMMUNITY

All Honors students should consider applying to be a part of the Kurz Hall General Honors Living–Learning Community. Students with specialized interests, such as community service, the natural sciences or business, should consider applying for one of the Honors Nested Living–Learning Communities.

HONORS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The University Honors Scholars Program enhances Honors education through seminars that encourage interdisciplinary perspectives. Students choose from a variety of 300-level or above seminar courses, some of which include national and international travel. Graduates with the Honors Scholars distinction receive recognition on their diploma and at commencement. Visit **louisville.edu/honors** and click on Enrichment Opportunities for more information.



"I was able to develop not only as a student but as a global citizen alongside other incredible and inspiring people through the opportunities provided by UofL Honors."

Alice Darling

James Graham Brown Fellow, Outstanding Honors Graduate 2016-17, 1000+ hours of community service, attending Duke Medical School





TO APPLY

- Eligible students will be emailed application information beginning in September. To be considered for the University Honors Program, students must submit an online application by **December 15**.

- Selection factors include: evidence of leadership, service or research; standardized test scores; high school GPA; and rigor of high-school curriculum, including AP, IB or college-level courses completed. In addition to these factors, significant emphasis will be placed on the applicant's resume and the quality of the application essay.

- Selection for the University Honors Program is competitive and based on the overall profile of the incoming class. Space is limited. Students selected for the Honors Program must maintain a 3.35 GPA and enroll in Honors courses each academic year.

- All applicants will be notified via email regarding selection decisions the week of **February 1**.

To apply, visit **louisville.edu/apply**.

Eligibility for the University Honors Program:

- 29 ACT or 1330 SAT
- 3.5 GPA (weighted or unweighted)
- Application Deadline: **December 15**

Honors Early Action

Eligible students who apply for the Honors Program by **October 15** will be notified of the Honors admission decision by mid-November. **uofl.me/honors-early-action**



Community

The Honors General Living-Learning Community (LLC), housed in Kurz Hall, is open to all Honors students. Often students can be found in the lounges, kitchens or game room after a day of classes or studying with their fellow classmates. Kurz also has a computer lab and multiple study rooms. In addition to the General LLC, the Honors Program offers Nested Living-Learning Communities for incoming students with specialized interests. These communities take to heart the Honors vision of providing an interdisciplinary and dynamic educational experience. Students in the Nested LLCs live together on the same floor of Kurz Hall, take courses together and participate in programming tailored to their interests. Our Nested LLCs focus on linking interests—community service, social justice, the natural sciences, business or leadership—with coursework and out-of-class experiences.

The Etscorn Honors Center is the home of our award-winning advisors and support staff. Conveniently located in Threlkeld Hall to offer easy access for students, we pride ourselves on an open-door advising policy. Close by is the Board of Overseers Honors House where many Honors courses, study sessions and student meetings are held. This building is also home to the Office of National and International Scholarship Opportunities. On the ground floor, students often gather to talk, play games or study with friends.

Throughout the year, all Honors students have opportunities to engage in community service, an array of social events, celebrations of students' creative work, and discussions with prestigious community leaders and scholars, all coordinated by student-run organizations.

Honors Student Council and *The White Squirrel* literary and arts magazine are great resources for getting involved on and off campus.

These student organizations also provide opportunities to plan and host events and programs and to gain valuable leadership experience. A prime example of a signature, student-led event is the biennial Book and Media Sale, which has raised more than $83,000 for local community organizations. Students who choose to participate in these programs experience the satisfaction of making a difference.



Connections

RESEARCH & CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Honors Program strongly encourages students to make connections with their peers, faculty members and other scholars through undergraduate research. Several opportunities promote student research endeavors. If selected for a research or creative presentation at the state, regional or national honors conference, the Honors Program funds student travel costs. Honors students have presented their research in cities across the nation—from Orlando, Florida to Seattle, Washington. In addition to being mentored by the faculty and staff of a top-tier research university, Honors students have the opportunity to pursue their intellectual interests by writing a Senior Honors Thesis, presenting at campus research forums, conducting fieldwork or working in university labs.

MENTORING PROGRAM

The Board of Overseers Mentoring Program introduces students to community leaders and the businesses and services they represent. This program provides third-year students with an opportunity for real-world career exploration and helps forge the link between classroom and career. Students accepted into this program shadow experienced professionals and community leaders in the area of the student's choice for one academic year.



"Not only am I cultivating my lab techniques and skills, but I get to work with top researchers in the city that have helped me to develop tremendously throughout my years here at UofL."

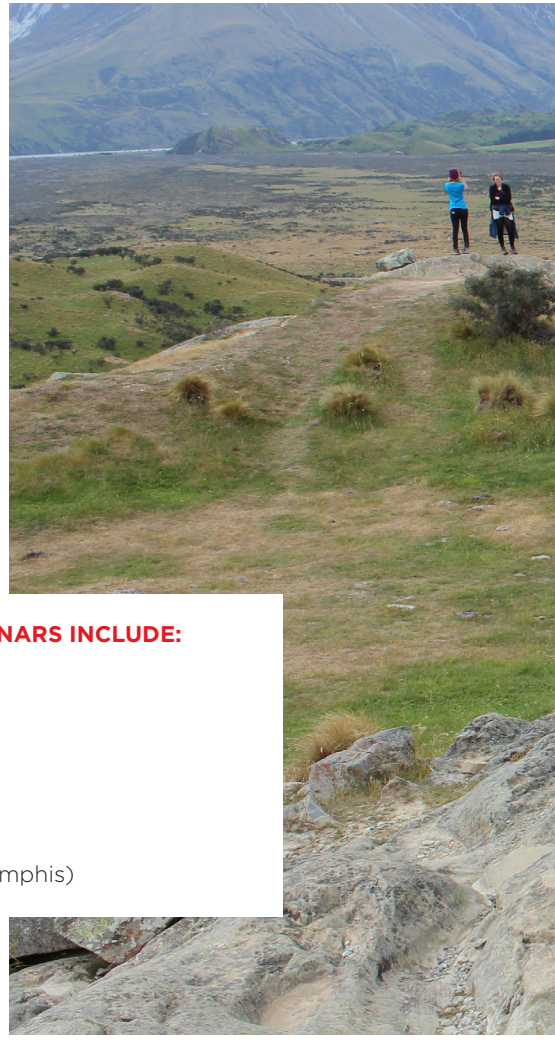
Karen Udoh
Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholar, Muhammad Ali Scholar, three summers of funded cancer research, Director of Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Scholars, Fulbright Research Grant to Greece

Classroom & Beyond

With a maximum class size of 25 students, Honors courses allow for greater interaction between students and professors and facilitate a deeper exploration of course materials. This small class size, combined with professors who are passionate about the topics they teach, results in an engaging and collaborative experience.

Offering, on average, more than 225 courses annually across all programs of study, Honors makes it easy for students in any major to participate. After the first year, students may enroll in Honors Scholars seminars. Capped at 16 students, these courses are meant to expand perspectives, encourage discussion and incorporate experiences beyond the classroom. A host of new seminar topics proposed by outstanding faculty becomes available each year.

Honors students also have the opportunity to explore international locales and the United States through the Overseers International Seminars and the Woodcock Society National Seminars. These courses offer a semester of in-depth study followed by a coordinated and subsidized travel experience. Honors seminar students have traveled to the sanctuaries of the Galapagos Islands, the ancient archaeological and sacred sites in Greece, the wetlands of the Everglades, and the Lord of the Rings film sites in New Zealand.



PAST NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS INCLUDE:

- Copernicus and Galileo (Poland; Italy)
- Archaeology of Ancient Greece
- Tolkien in Print and Film (New Zealand)
- A Musical Atlas of Appalachia
- Immigration and Ethnicity (San Francisco)
- Music, Place and U.S. Cities (New Orleans; Memphis)



NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The University Honors Program's Office of National and International Scholarship Opportunities connects students to mentoring, resources and networking directed toward maximizing student potential and culminating in the pursuit of prestigious, nationally competitive merit awards. The office works with undergraduates, graduate students and alumni. UofL Scholars have traveled to nearly every corner of the globe, often with the benefit of full tuition and stipends.

In the last three years, 32 UofL students were named Fulbright scholarship recipients. These students traveled to Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Laos, Macau, Malawi, Malaysia, Namibia, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

UofL Honors students also have won dozens of other prestigious awards. For three of the past four years, a rising UofL senior was the only student in Kentucky to receive the Harry S. Truman Scholarship for public policy. Our students also have been recipients of the Rhodes Scholarship, the U.S. Department of State Boren and Critical Language Scholarships, the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, and many more. Visit **louisville.edu/honors/scholarships** for more information.

"I can't imagine that the opportunities that have opened up for me would have been possible without Honors. The mentorship and encouragement were pivotal in me winning two international scholarships and helping me experience new and exciting cultures across the world. The faculty and staff members truly cared about me as an individual and, as a result, I was competitive against students from across the country."

Jeremy Ball
McConnell Scholar, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Malaysia, Critical Language Scholarship in Oman Arabic





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FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

70+

COUNTRIES HOSTING SCHOLARS

285+

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AND FINALISTS

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TIME NATIONAL TOP PRODUCER OF FULBRIGHTS

*Since 2003

SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT

- Shadow a current student to class
- Tour campus
- Meet with an Honors Program representative
- Meet with a faculty member from your academic major
- Meet with an admissions counselor to review scholarship programs
- Enjoy lunch on UofL!

To schedule:

http://uofl.me/honors-shadow

Please allow two weeks advance notice.

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