

### **What is the Honors College at UIC?**

The Honors College is a scholarly community of UIC students, staff, and faculty, working together to provide an enriching and challenging learning environment for UIC's most highly motivated undergraduate students.

### **What are the benefits offered by the Honors College?**

Membership in the UIC Honors College combines all of the personal advantages available in a small intellectual community with the opportunities only possible at a major research university. As members of the UIC Honors College, students have access to research experiences, personalized advising, faculty mentoring in your field of interest, and courses available only to Honors College students. Honors students also benefit from a college computer lab, student lounge, a 24 hour study space, and a designated Honors learning community within campus housing.

These privileges come with the responsibility of participation. As members in a community of scholars, UIC Honors College students are expected to engage in academic challenges beyond the normal classroom experience and to assume leadership roles on and off campus.

There is no additional fee for membership. There is no additional credit, or time to graduation, required of students in the UIC Honors College and the UIC Honors College graduation rate exceeds 90%.

### **What is required of Honors College students?**

All UIC Honors College students maintain a minimum UIC grade point average (GPA) of 3.40 (4.0 scale) and engage in a scholarly "honors activity" (e.g. honors coursework, research, civic engagement) approved by their faculty mentor each semester.

Incoming first-year students are required to participate in one of the Honors Cores as their honors activity. These are year-long, interdisciplinary, general education courses taught by top members of our faculty. The core courses are limited in size and are for Honors Students only. All incoming freshmen participate in a freshmen seminar either in the Honors College or in their home college.

Beyond the first year, Honors College students may choose to take additional honors coursework or pursue other honors activity options, including undergraduate research, experiential learning, supplemental coursework, or independent study. The Honors College offers upper-level seminars covering a variety of special topics. The faculty who teach these seminars do so for the simple pleasure of teaching Honors College students. Honors College students are also required to complete a capstone experience, such as a senior thesis or senior design project, before graduation.

### **How do I apply for admission to the Honors College?**

Any incoming freshman may apply for admission to the Honors College. Students with exceptional high school records are encouraged to apply. Admission is based upon standardized test scores, high school class rank, grades earned in high school, extracurricular interests and activities, strength of the application essays, interview, and willingness to participate in the Honors College program.

Please send the following materials directly to the Honors College:

- Honors College Admission Application. (provided in this packet)
- Three recommendations. At least one recommendation must be completed by your high school principal, counselor, or teacher. (Forms are provided with this packet.)
- An official copy of your high school transcript.

For fullest consideration, please submit your application by January 15, 2011. Applications can be submitted until the deadline of April 1, 2011. After April 1, applications will be reviewed as space permits. Applications and supporting documents should be mailed to:

University of Illinois at Chicago Honors College  
828 S. Halsted Street (MC 204)  
Chicago, IL 60607-7031

In addition, you must apply for admission to UIC using the UIC Undergraduate Application and provide all other required application materials such as your ACT/SAT score, official high school transcript, and application fee. Send your UIC application and all supporting materials directly to the UIC Office of Admissions and Records. Applications may be accessed online from the UIC home page at: [www.uic.edu](http://www.uic.edu) and are also available from the UIC Office of Admissions, your guidance counselor, or the UIC Honors College.

A joint Honors College/GPPA application is also available online, through January 15, 2011 on the UIC Office of Admissions website at <http://www.uic.edu/uic/portals/prospective-students.shtml>.

Remember, Honors College application materials should be sent directly to the UIC Honors College, not to the UIC Office of Admissions and Records at <http://www.uic.edu/uic/portals/prospective-students.shtml>.

### **After I apply, what's the next step?**

The Honors College will invite selected applicants to campus for the second phase of the application process, including a faculty interview and an impromptu essay.

Interviews will be held from late January until early April. Students will be contacted via email with further information about selecting an interview date. Students will be notified of their admissions decision within four weeks of the interview.

Please keep in mind that students who are planning to attend UIC for Fall 2011 must file an Intent to Enroll form with the Office of Admissions and Records on or before May 1, 2011.

### **I applied to GPPA. Do I need to apply to the Honors College separately?**

No; however, the Honors College does not grant automatic admission to applicants of GPPA. The Honors College will accept any GPPA application materials for our application process. You will then be contacted by the Honors College with further instructions regarding interview options. In many cases, your Honors College interview may be used in the GPPA admissions process.

### **Does the Honors College provide scholarships to incoming freshmen?**

Yes, the Honors College offers several types of scholarships.

- ❖ The Honors Scholars Award, valued at \$3,000 tuition per year, will be awarded to applicants based on the strength of the admissions application. No additional application is necessary to be considered for this scholarship.
- ❖ You may be considered for additional scholarship funding by completing a separate Honors College Freshman Scholarship Application. This application is available from the Honors College. Applicants can be considered for the following merit and need-based scholarships:
  - Kerr Scholarship, covering full in-state tuition and fees, renewable for up to four years. The Kerr Scholarship is awarded based on merit only.
  - Honors College Academic Excellence Award, valued at \$8,000 yearly, renewable for up to four years. This award may be applied to tuition only. Criteria for Honors College Academic Excellence Award include academic merit and financial need.
  - Honors College Academic Distinction Award, valued at \$2,000 yearly, renewable for up to four years. This award may be applied to tuition only. Criteria for Honors College Academic Distinction Award include academic merit and financial need.

If you receive other financial aid from UIC, these scholarships will be considered part of the total financial aid package. If your tuition is covered fully through other sources, you will not receive additional monies from these awards. Admission to the Honors College does not guarantee a scholarship.

### **Who do I contact if I have more questions about the UIC Honors College or Honors College Scholarships?**

Simply contact the Honors College at (312) 413-2260 or email us at [hcollege@uic.edu](mailto:hcollege@uic.edu). We would be glad to tell you more about these exciting opportunities.



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on this page.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use the space provided to answer the following questions.** If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, list only those that you consider more significant. Inserts and additional pages will not be accepted.

Please list the extracurricular and community activities, work experiences, volunteer services, and hobbies in which you have been involved. Please include any leadership roles or other accomplishments, and the amount of time you have devoted to this activity each week and each year.

In 200 words or less, discuss how the above activities have contributed to you as a person and have contributed to your development into the person you are today:

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If you have received special recognition for your accomplishments, such as scholastic prizes, awards, and honors, please list below. Include participation in special academic programs, such as summer enrichment or study abroad experiences.

List all Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate examinations, or other sources of college-level credit, that you have taken or expect to take:

Please list any special skills or knowledge you have acquired (such as languages, or certifications).

The Honors College is interested in learning of other opportunities that are available to you. Please give the names of other colleges or universities to which you have applied.

Please provide the names of the three people from whom you have requested recommendations. At least one of these recommendations must be submitted by your high school principal, counselor or teacher.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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Please provide a written response of no more than 750 words to the following questions.

Describe your educational and career goals. Include information about any experiences that have contributed to your goals.

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Please provide a written response of no more than 750 words to the following questions.

In its mission statement, the UIC Honors College is described as a community of scholars whose goal is to enrich the educational experience of undergraduates and allow faculty and students of all disciplines to interact in teaching, learning, and research. How can you contribute to the Honors College community? What benefits do you expect in return?

I confirm that all information contained in this application is complete and accurate, and that the written statements are my own original work.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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The applicant must complete and sign the following statement before submitting this form to the recommender. The request is in compliance with Federal Law P.L. 93-380 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974).

- I waive my right of access to the letter of recommendation submitted on my behalf.
- I do not waive my right of access to the letter of recommendation submitted on my behalf.

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Please print or type.

How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

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Academic ability	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Above Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Below Average
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Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Above Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Below Average
Written expression of ideas	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Above Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Below Average
Research aptitude	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Above Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Below Average

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On the back of this page or on a separate page, please provide, using specific examples where possible, evidence of this student's particular intellectual strengths and weaknesses. **What distinguishes this student?** Please print or type your response.

Please return to:

**Honors College (MC 204)**  
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I am applying for admission to the Honors College at the University of Illinois at Chicago and request one copy of my high school transcript is sent to:

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University of Illinois at Chicago  
828 S. Halsted Street  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**School Registrar: Please attach this form to one copy of the student's transcript before sending.**

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