

UT Austin Freshman Honors Application

Welcome to The University of Texas at Austin's freshman honors program application.

To be considered for an honors program, you must complete both the [freshman application process](#) and the [honors application process](#) by **December 01, 2016**:

HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION

STEP 1: SELECT HONORS PROGRAM(S)

Based on the first-and-second choice majors you selected on the ApplyTexas application, you may apply to the following honors program(s). Select the honors program(s) for which you'd like to apply.

Natural Sciences Honors Programs (College of Natural Sciences)

- **College Honors Programs (Choose only one)**

- Dean's Scholars**
- Health Science Scholars**
- Polymathic Scholars**

- **Natural Sciences Departmental Honors**

- Human Ecology Honors**
- Turing Scholars**

If an honors program you're interested in applying to is not displayed, you must change your first- and/or second-choice major(s) in order to apply to that program. For expedited handling, [email us](#) regarding your major change request. Include your full name, UT EID and updated first- and/or second-choice majors. If your request is approved, your updated honors program choices will appear here within 2-3 business days.

When you are ready to apply to the programs selected above, proceed to the next step.

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No longer interested?

- **To cancel one or more programs**
Simply **uncheck the box** for the program(s) you're no longer interested in, then click the "Next Step" button to continue.
- **To cancel all programs**
Click the "Cancel all applications" button below.
NOTE: You will no longer be able to access your honors application. Use this function only if you're sure you do not want to apply to honors.

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STEP 2: COMPLETE DATA FORM

Contact Information

Parent 1/Mother Name (First, Middle, Last):

Address of the Person Listed Above:

City State Zip Code

Occupation of the Person Listed Above:

E-mail Address of the Person Listed Above:

Parent 2/Father Name (First, Middle, Last):

Address of the Person Listed Above:

City State Zip Code

Occupation of the Person Listed Above:

E-mail Address of the Person Listed Above:

High School Counselor Name:

High School Counselor E-mail Address:

High School Counselor Phone:

National Scholar Recognition

Have you been recognized as any of the following? Select all that apply.

- National Merit Commended
- National Merit Semifinalist
- National Hispanic Scholar
- National Achievement Scholar

Test Scores

Indicate in the spaces provided which exams you have taken or plan to take this year. If you know your score for a particular test, list it here.

Submission of official scores for these exams is not required at the time of application. The university's honors programs will consider the information you provide on this form when making your honors program decisions. If you're admitted to the university, you'll need to submit official score reports from the testing agency to obtain college credit for any tests you list here.

SAT Subject Tests

Subject Test Name

Score

Date of Test

AP Exams

Exam Name

Score

Date of Test

IB Exams

Exam Name

Score

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STEP 3: COMPLETE PROGRAM-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

NATURAL SCIENCES HONORS: PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS (REQUIRED)

In no more than 250 words (about a paragraph), please answer the following prompt.

Consider two students. The first student's parents possess advanced degrees, earn good incomes, and have sent her to excellent schools. The second student's parents finished high school, immediately began working, but have struggled financially; this second student attends an underperforming school. Both students have prioritized learning, worked very hard in school, and earned exceptional grades. But while the first student has earned exceptional standardized test scores, the second student has not. Generally, standardized test scores correlate with preparedness for college honors courses.

A common criticism of college honors programs is that they admit mostly students like the first student and too few who have not had access to similar advantages.

Imagine that you are the director of a college honors program that historically has admitted very few students whose circumstances are analogous to the second student's. Do you regard this as a problem? Why or why not? And if you do regard it as a problem, how would you address it?

ESSAY RESPONSE (REQUIRED)

How do your past experiences relate to your interest in the honors program(s) to which you are applying? Expand upon one or two specific experiences and discuss how they have shaped your interest in this program(s).

Please limit your response to no more than 250 words (about a paragraph)

ACCESS TO APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR REVIEW PURPOSES (REQUIRED)

During the review process, some application materials, such as an applicant's résumé, may be accessible to external reviewers, including alumni, for the purpose of providing input to the selection committee.

I understand that my résumé and some application materials may be reviewed by individuals who are not employed by The University of Texas at Austin.

Additional materials may still be needed from you in order to complete your honors program application. Select 'SUBMIT APPLICATION AND VIEW ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS' for more details after you have completed steps 1-3 of this application.

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STEP 4: SUBMIT ADDITIONAL HONORS APPLICATION ITEMS

Based on the honors program(s) you selected in Step 1, the following items must be received by **December 01, 2016**. Read more about how to submit additional items in the [Applying for Honors](#) section of [Texas admissions](#), our website for prospective students.

Natural Sciences Honors Programs

Recommendation: One letter of recommendation must be submitted to the Office of Admissions from a math or science teacher (computer science teacher preferred if applying to Turing Scholars) at your high school who is knowledgeable of your preparedness for the College of Natural Sciences Honors Program.

Résumé: Submit a professional business résumé to the Office of Admissions using the [résumé format](#) specified by the Office of Admissions. If you already submitted an expanded résumé for your application for admission or for another honors program, you do not need to submit another résumé for the honors program application.

Note: CNS College Honors programs share a common application; if you apply to one, that program will review your application first, but the others may review your application to determine best fit. Admitted students may only be offered admission to one CNS College Honors program. Please refer to the [CNS Honors Center](#) for information on how the programs differ.

STEP 5: MONITOR MYSTATUS

Log in to your [MyStatus](#) to track what admissions and honors program materials we've received.

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