a community of scholars
The Campuswide Honors Program is dedicated to promoting high standards of scholastic excellence and personal growth by combining the qualities of a liberal arts college with the unique opportunities offered by a major research university.

### CHP Benefits

- Priority enrollment in classes
- Specialized honors curriculum taught by faculty recognized for their outstanding accomplishments
- Guaranteed on-campus housing
- Honors theme housing
- Personalized one-on-one academic advising, internship, and scholarship application counseling
- Small, seminar-style honors classes
- Research projects and internships with faculty
- Special activities involving faculty and visiting scholars
- Interaction with talented, highly motivated students

### CHP Advantages

- Cultural programs and social events with faculty and peers
- UCI Undergraduate Research Symposium
- Summer Undergraduate Research Program
- Honors study rooms in the UCI Libraries
- Extended borrowing privileges at the UCI Libraries
- International study through the Study Abroad Center
- Leadership and service opportunities
- Over 20 honor societies with UCI chapters
- Honors notation on UCI transcript and diploma
- Alumni chapter
The UC Irvine Campuswide Honors Program (CHP) provides outstanding undergraduates with a challenging and rewarding educational experience. UCI’s top students are an academically and socially diverse group. They enjoy a multitude of benefits in a supportive environment, including stimulating honors courses, enhanced academic advising, priority enrollment in courses, guaranteed on-campus housing, and mentored research opportunities. The hallmark of the CHP is personal attention, ensuring students have at their fingertips incredible resources and individual guidance.

Honors courses are designed especially for CHP students and are taught by an elite group of faculty – scientists, researchers, writers, and artists – who are passionate about teaching honors students. CHP courses offer the opportunity to learn and collaborate with other highly motivated students. The honors curriculum opens up a world of new ideas, issues, and methods of inquiry while satisfying many of UC Irvine’s general education requirements.

Mentored research projects offer additional access to internationally renowned scholars such as Elizabeth Loftus, whose research on false memories has explained how such memories can corrupt eyewitness testimony and affect court cases; internationally acclaimed choreographer Donald McKayle, whose masterworks, considered modern dance classics, are performed around the world; and acclaimed ecology and evolutionary biologist Adriana Briscoe, who is nationally recognized for both her research in molecular evolution and mentoring of students.

UCI has unrivaled academic and leadership opportunities and invests in student mentorship and personal growth. The Campuswide Honors Program is an example of the university’s extraordinary commitment to providing students with a stellar undergraduate experience.

The CHP is a global community with a diverse range of scholars. Every student is passionate about learning in the classroom and applying that knowledge to everyday life. Being a member of the program allowed me to think about life from a new vantage point, expanded my world view, and being around such elite students encouraged me to ask myself, ‘Can I do more?’

My CHP peers challenged me to be among the best and brightest so that I could thrive academically and achieve my career goals.

Megan Braun
Rhodes Scholar
Class: 2010
Major: History
Minor: Philosophy
Two-term president of the Associated Students of UCI

Megan is UCI’s first Rhodes Scholar. She is pursuing a master’s degree in international relations at Oxford University.
The CHP is a community of scholars where the development of the mind goes hand-in-hand with the development of the whole person.

An extraordinary feeling of community is created among CHP students through honors housing and the social and cultural activities orchestrated by the program. These include social events organized by CHP students, and special activities involving faculty and visiting scholars. Students participate in a highly active honors student council, engage in service to the campus and the community, and produce a creative writing and arts journal. CHP students are passionate about learning, networking, contributing to achieve a better tomorrow, and encouraging each other to excel in all aspects of their personal lives and professional futures.

Anything is possible at UCI, literally anything! Not only is the school always developing and changing, but you will find that you are too. This school is alive! Although I was offered admission to other University of California campuses, I am glad I did what felt right to me and picked UC Irvine.

As a result of the CHP I have developed a stronger work ethic and discipline. The classes may be challenging but they are interesting and they focus not on textbook learning but on individual growth (i.e. YOU). For example, Professor Roger McWilliams’ course on the physics of music appealed to me as a musician and encouraged me to look at the world from a completely different perspective. I have always loved physics and knew that it could be applied to anything in life, but his perspective of using science as a tool for communication with the world inspired me.

The CHP provides you with individual attention and services that allow you to strategically plan for graduate school and/or a career. I established my own nonprofit that provides college-student mentors to low-income high school students to prepare them to apply for college. With the encouragement of my CHP advisor and the assistance of the Scholarship Opportunities Program, I applied for prestigious scholarships to help fund my work and to prepare me for a career in public service. I hope to eventually become an elected official, and to draft policies that affect low-socioeconomic communities, like mine, to improve the quality of education, outreach programs, and legal aid.

Felipe is a recipient of the prestigious Harry S Truman Scholarship, considered the nation’s highest honor for students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership potential and are committed to careers in public service.

FELIPE HERNANDEZ  
Class: 2012  
Majors: Political Science and Music Performance (Guitar/Lute)  
Minor: Philosophy
When I was deciding on schools, I was looking at both large public institutions for the research opportunities as well as small liberal arts colleges for the close student-faculty interactions and interdisciplinary education. The CHP at UC Irvine seemed to be a perfect combination of the two and would provide what I wanted from my undergraduate education.

The CHP gave me my first leadership positions at UC Irvine as a hall delegate and as a social chair for the Campuswide Honors Student Council. Because of these experiences and the connections they helped me make, I later obtained various internships and leadership opportunities off campus.

I think it is clear that UC Irvine is dedicated to student development both inside and outside the classroom. Through co-curricular activities, students engage and apply their education. Following an internship at UC Irvine’s Cross-Cultural Center, I became a Cross-Cultural Center staff liaison to various student groups, developing programs and resources for underrepresented students.

KEVIN MORI
Class: 2013
Major: Business Information Management
Minor: Conflict Resolution

Kevin has served in leadership positions at UC Irvine and in the greater community, and has been awarded a Distinguished Anteater Award by the UCI Alumni Association. He was also among an elite group of U.S. students selected for participation in the Fulbright Commission’s 2011 Summer Institute Program in the United Kingdom.
UCI’s campus is beautiful, with a park to call our own and a beach a few minutes’ drive away. I was also attracted by the great people here; one does not forget the warmth of the student body and being greeted by smiles. My older friends had only rave reviews about the CHP, and UC Irvine is a top university. Things simply felt right.

Academically, I chose UCI for my major. UCI’s comparative literature program is the hidden gem of academic disciplines, and our critical theory program is nationally acclaimed. Philosophy, politics, religion, literature, languages, art, film – you name it – I have never had a more comprehensive, a more interdisciplinary education.

The CHP will be your home away from home, full of students who want to work just as hard as they play, and who define such categories on their own terms. Your peers will shape you, inspire you, teach you about the cultures of the world. The CHP is a cultural mix of eclectic personalities. Academically, socially, spiritually – CHP is all that jazz, and it’s no wonder the brightest students choose to come to UCI just for this experience. Join us! We’d love to have you as a fellow Anteater.

Pichaya recently returned from study abroad in Spain, and is a recipient of the Donald A. Strauss Public Service Scholarship, given to young leaders in California working to pursue lives of public service and social change. For her Strauss-funded project, she will collaborate with a team of peers to mentor and tutor low-income Thai students in English at a Bangkok partner school.

**Pichaya Kositsawat**

*Class: 2013*

*Majors: Political Science and Comparative Literature*