Campuswide Honors Program

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Personal Attention

A Community of Scholars

Talented

Honors Housing

Leadership

Excellence

Depth and Breadth of Study

Faculty Mentors

Outstanding Faculty

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A Message From the Director

Campuswide Honors is nothing less than a jewel in UCI’s academic crown, so I am proud and honored to be its director.

By training I am a cognitive psychologist. As a teacher and researcher, learning is something that I think about a lot. And I am convinced that the Campuswide Honors Program (CHP) offers an outstanding learning experience for talented and dedicated students.

The beauty of the CHP is the elegant way in which its elements work together to maximize the learning opportunities of some of UCI’s best and brightest students. These elements include the core course sequences and the thesis requirement, but equally important are the superb advising CHP students receive, and the close-knit CHP community. I have been particularly impressed with the networks that develop among CHP students, fostered by collaboration inside and outside the classroom, and by the many activities and social interactions that work because it is students who organize them.

The Campuswide Honors Program is an extraordinary program, built for extraordinary students. I invite you to explore the many opportunities available to outstanding students through UC Irvine’s Campuswide Honors Program.

Ted Wright
Director of the Campuswide Honors Program
and Professor of Cognitive Sciences
**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
- 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 the UCI transcript and diploma
- Alumni chapter

**Mission Statement**

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.
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Transformative
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 extensive resources and individual guidance.

Extraordinary
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 recognized scholars such as Elizabeth Loftus, whose research on false memories has explained how such memories can corrupt eyewitness testimony and affect court cases; Pulitzer Prize winner John R. “Jack” Miles, who is acclaimed for his extensive writings on religion, literature, and international relations; and Claudia H. Kawas, M.D., Professor of Neurology and Neurobiology & Behavior, renowned for her research on aging and dementia.

Antonia
Class: 2016
Major: International Studies

As a first year student, it was a blast living in the honors housing community with like-minded people who were also taking honors courses. It made creating study groups easy and there was always someone I knew at the CHP events; the spring camping trip and Faculty Coffee Hour are awesome! CHP students are a smart, talented and diverse group of people who share a love of learning. They are all driven and want the best for themselves and others and work together to achieve it.

During sophomore year I spent three weeks in the Middle East with UCI’s Olive Tree Initiative program, and over spring break went on UCI’s Costa Rica Program to learn about sustainability issues where I had an amazing cultural immersion experience. I also plan to study abroad in my junior year.

When considering various colleges, don’t focus solely on majors because your interests might change when you get to college, as did mine. It’s more important that the college you choose offers a variety of resources and majors. I have found that at UCI. In addition, the CHP has provided me a small liberal arts college experience within a large research university campus – the best of both worlds.
Community

The CHP is a community of scholars where the development of the mind goes hand-in-hand with the development of the whole person.

A vibrant 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.

The CHP provides a supportive environment for its academically and socially diverse group of students. CHP students live, study and socialize together, and are guaranteed a space in on-campus housing, as long as they meet housing deadlines and requirements. 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.

Felipe
Class: 2013
Majors: Political Science and Music Performance (Guitar/Lute)
Minor: Philosophy
2012 Truman Scholar and 2013-14 Fulbright Teaching Fellowship (Colombia)

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.

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 and first-generation 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.

Following graduation from UCI and a year teaching in Colombia on a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship, Felipe participated in First-Generation Roadtrip Nation, and is a California Senate Fellow in Sacramento.
Opportunity

UC Irvine offers a wide range of academic and leadership opportunities, and CHP students are encouraged to become involved in the myriad clubs and organizations on the UCI campus and beyond. CHP students study abroad, apply for prestigious scholarships, and engage in academic internships that support their career goals.

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program offers research grants, hosts an annual symposium where students can present their findings, and publishes an annual journal of student research. Visit www.urop.uci.edu.

The Study Abroad Center offers international study with programs available for nearly every interest area and academic field. Graduates who have studied abroad possess a more nuanced understanding of other countries and cultures as well as greater self-awareness and self-confidence. Explore opportunities at www.studyabroad.uci.edu.

The Scholarship Opportunities Program advises and provides support to competitive undergraduate UC Irvine candidates in applying for prestigious national and international merit scholarships funded by outside agencies such as Carnegie, National Science Foundation, Fulbright, Rhodes, and Truman. See www.scholars.uci.edu.

Abhinav

Class: 2014
Major: Biological Sciences

As an aspiring physician, I am particularly interested in research. A large number of undergrads at UCI do some kind of research, which for me was my senior thesis based on work in Professor Anne Calof’s lab on a rare disease called Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS). In the lab I was trained to do a lot of cool scientific techniques and worked on my own independent research project on the relationship between CdLS and the Pre-Botzinger Complex. I was awarded a grant to fund my project from the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program.

In my senior year I served as President of the Campuswide Honors Student Council, which plans many fun and exciting social events for the honors community. I feel that my involvement in the CHP helped me become a stronger individual. By engaging with the curriculum, building close friendships, and honing leadership skills, I gained experience and confidence that I can carry into the real world.

Following graduation from UCI, Abhinav is attending medical school.
Students in any major may consider a **Capital Internship Program** in Washington, D.C. or in Sacramento. Each program provides an ideal vantage point for students to examine behind-the-scenes activities that shape the future. Visit [www.dccenter.uci.edu](http://www.dccenter.uci.edu) or [uccs.ucdavis.edu](http://uccs.ucdavis.edu).

**The UCI Career Center** serves as a bridge between the academic and professional worlds, connecting students and employers. All of the center’s services, events, and resources are focused on providing access to opportunities, career consulting, and professional education. Known as “Internship Central,” the Career Center also helps students explore internships and gain relevant work experience at outside organizations, including national laboratories and community service agencies. Browse [www.career.uci.edu](http://www.career.uci.edu).

**Membership**

Admission to the Campuswide Honors Program is highly competitive. Participants have distinguished themselves in high school or community college, arriving at UC Irvine ready to grow intellectually and personally. Incoming students may be invited to join the Campuswide Honors Program prior to enrolling at UC Irvine, or may apply to join the CHP once they have completed a quarter at UC Irvine as a full-time student with a 3.5 GPA or better. Successfully completing the program entitles students to receive the distinguished CHP honors notation on their UC Irvine transcripts and diplomas.

**Erin**

**Class:** 2015  
**Majors:** Dance, Cognitive Psychology  
**Regents’ Scholar**

**Being a part of the CHP** assured me that the education I was going to receive at UCI would be comparable to that of an Ivy League school. I chose UCI because of my acceptance into the CHP and the perks – like priority registration – that came with it. Also, as a dancer, I knew UCI’s dance program is top notch and that I would receive excellent training as a dancer along with a high-end education. Prior to being offered admission to UCI I had visited the campus and it felt like home right away.

**The CHP is a wonderful small community** to be involved with at a large public university. We have incredible counselors who really know you and are always there to help. It was great to experience small class sizes during my freshman year and to have received specialized attention throughout each subsequent school year.

**My fellow CHP students are** a group of wonderful, intelligent, welcoming and kind people. I feel very lucky that I have had the opportunity to go through my college career with such a talented and diverse group of students.