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RU Sophomores

INVITATION TO APPLY TO THE

Honors College

WHY HONORS ?

- Unique and enriched opportunities for intellectual and personal growth
- An interdisciplinary mindset and approach employing a multitude of academic fields, lenses, and scholarship
- Engage in scholarly public exchange, serve your communities, develop your social entrepreneurship, spread social capital
- Academic and intellectual regard, programmatic elevation, and an intentional community attuned to your needs
- Formal mentoring programs where students and peers are matched based on interest(s)
- An entire College built to facilitate student success in all areas of your educational experience

WHO IS “HONORS”?

- There is no one “ideal” honors student
- Holistic approach to selecting students including review of academics, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and personal statements
- Growth mindset, life-long learners, expansive interests, deep commitments, self-motivated (intrinsic), takes intellectual risks, serves others as a natural act, has a passion for learning
- Seeking students who connect with our mission and values and want to take advantage of the opportunities we provide

HONORS SOPHOMORE CURRICULUM

- Two tracks:
 - Honors College Scholar with Distinction (with Capstone)
 - Honors College Scholar (no Capstone)
- Honors Mission-based Course (1 required; 1-4 credits)
- Interdisciplinary Honors Seminar (1 required, 3 credits)
- Global Competency Course (1 required, 3+ credits)
- General Honors Courses (2 required, 6+ credits) and SEBS Tutorials
- Service Hours (20 required over first two years)
- Between 13-19 credits total required
- To count as Honors, course grades must be a B or better

ENRICHED ACADEMICS

- *Unique Courses*: +Honors Contract Courses, Embedded Study Abroad, Collaborative Online International Learning, Cross-Cultural Communities (dedicated / thematic) IHS
- Three options for *Global Competency*: intermediate language, culture course, study abroad
- *Honors Unbound* (two-year themed, collective exploration) extended into the *Honors Common Read* (selected by a student committee)
- *IMPACT! Program* Leadership Training, Professional Development programs, Master Classes, Networking
- *LGBTQ+ Learning Collaborative* and seven other workshops and curricular programs (e.g. Writing Workshop, Genocide & Human Rights Workshop)
- *Academic Showcases*, academic panels, keystone and endowed lecture series, departmental presentations
- *Fellowships and Scholars* (60+ HC, national, and international) awards and scholarly placements
- Research and artistry assistantships and scholars' programs

NETWORK OF SUPPORT

- School-based Honors College advising, an Honors-dedicated CAPS Counselor, and coordinated advising programming
- Professional staff of deans, directors, and admin support
- A six-semester scholarship at \$2,500 per semester (students must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA each semester and cumulatively each academic year)*
- Additional scholarship support is available, through an application process, to assist with financial need, research activity (focused on Capstones), study abroad or away, and emergencies.

* Students receiving Scarlet Guarantee (SG) funding may not see an increase in their overall award eligibility, as SG is considered a "last dollar" award that is applied after other grants and scholarships to cover all, or a portion of, the remaining costs of tuition and eligible fees.

RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

- OPTIONAL; You could apply to join for Junior or Senior years
- Honors Community Mentors (in all HC residences and our commuter cohorts)
- Interact with like-minded students (regarding importance of academics, approach to learning, and living expectations)
- Unique and responsive programming for social, mental, physical well-being and development through cohort engagement
- Residential and Affiliated Faculty Fellows (12)

ENHANCED ENGAGEMENT

- Coffeehouses, Geek Week, class year-based events, movie nights, Nerd Night, s'mores, cookouts, service events (local schools and animal shelters), Snack Nights, and community-building activities
- Scheduled gatherings of the HC Book Club, Film Series, Game Nights, Dean's Advisory Committee, Media Team
- Affinity Groups for students interested in connecting with and learning more about Asian, Black, Latinx, LGBTQ+, International, and Middle Eastern cultures and identities
- Opportunities to lead as Ambassadors, Honors Community Mentors, Peer Mentors, Programming Committee, first-generation support, Honors College interns, and residence hall associations

The Honors College Presents:



CAMPFIRE In the Courtyard

Enjoy tasty smores and reuniting with your friends after a relaxing winter break at the HC Fireside Lounge!

JOIN US FOR
IRISH DANCING AND CRAFTS!

MONDAY, MARCH 23
6:30PM

DRUSKIN LOUNGE

The Honors College and Outdoors Club invite you to join:

HIKING TRIP AT THE ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE

Saturday, October 11 | 10:00 am
Livingston Campus OR Druskin Lounge

JOIN THE HONORS COLLEGE FOR A REFRESHING HIKE AT THE RUTGERS ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE AND CONNECT WITH NATURE AND FRIENDS!

Based on preference, meet us at:
• Livingston Campus by the Quad Residence Halls
• Druskin Lounge at the Honors College

COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED THERE WILL ALSO BE NAME-KIOSK-ONLY TRAIL MAP DISTRIBUTION

SPA NIGHT

Honors College South Building
Druskin Lounge

February 27, 2026
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Join us for a relaxing evening of self-care! Enjoy professional massages, facial oil blends, sip herbal teas, and more. Try our DIY face mask and win luxury spa gift baskets—the semester stress relief!



HONORS COLLEGE LATINX AFFINITY GROUP PRESENTS...

THE FUTURE OF LATINX PROFESSIONALS

HEAR FROM SPEAKERS ACROSS DIVERSE FIELDS AS THEY SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AT RUTGERS AND THEIR CAREER JOURNEYS! FOOD & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

HONORS COLLEGE DRUSKIN LOUNGE
WEDNESDAY, OCT 15TH, 2025
7:00-10:30PM



Burdett Park
321 Easton Ave
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

The Honors College presents...

HEART & SOLE 5K

walk / run




SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
START AT 10:30 AM

IN HONOR OF AMERICAN HEART MONTH, ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. EARLY 2 COMPLIMENTARY SERVICE HOURS

RUTGERS HONORS COLLEGE

BACK TO SCHOOL
BINGO Night

Honors College South Building
Druskin Lounge

Friday January 10
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Join us for Back to School Bingo! College students while playing for gadgets, school supplies, and cash and refreshments as you kick off connect with your friends!



The Honors Program Advisory Committee invites...

WICKED MOVIE NIGHT



The Honors College invites you to

WINTER COFFEEHOUSE

December 10
8 PM in Druskin Lounge

ENJOY PERFORMANCES BY YOUR HC PEERS
FOOD AND DRINKS SERVED



**A
YEAR
IN
REVIEW**

*Student
Programming*

**OPEN TO ALL HC STUDENTS
LEADERSHIP FOR IMPACT**

PERSONAL GROWTH W/ DR. CANTON

- Build relationships with fellow students and current Rutgers College student leaders

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING W/ DR. SYRETT

- Receive 2 Merit Plan points per workshop
- Receive 2 HC Access hours per workshop

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT W/ DR. TELLOCH

- Receive 2 HC Access hours for attending the Reflection Session*
- Indicate your participation in applications for Rutgers College student leadership positions

REFLECTION SESSION W/ DR. SYRETT

All paid HC Student Leaders are expected to attend 8 sessions!

<https://openworkbooks.com/>

Spring 2026
Teach-In

Join us—your fellow students, Faculty Fellows, and Honors College leadership—for three evenings of powerful, poignant, and positive exploration of the contemporary issues of the day.

Light Snacks and Drinks Provided

**TUESDAY
MARCH 03
7:30 PM**

CONVERSATIONS—HCHQ S120, S124, S126

Start 1 HC Access hour toward your Honors College community engagement requirement for attending.

Trouble Abroad: War and Conflict
Dean J.Q. Bowers, Rutgers Honors College

Trouble at Home: Homelessness
Dr. Doug Cantor, Political Science

Trouble in Education: The Grad School Dilemma
Dr. Benjamin Krenger, Rutgers Graduate School

**Responsible AI in Practice:
Skills, Risks, and Leadership**

Join the Rutgers Honors College for a timely conversation on what AI really is, beyond the hype, and how it's transforming business and society. A Microsoft panel will explore the potential of AI to meet the demands, risks of not responsible AI accountability, privacy, bias, and other factors for both and

with
**FACULTY FELLOW
DR. KRISTEN SYRETT**

Register by November 6

**ONE QUICK THING
I LEARNED**

- Make a topic you're passionate about come alive in a way that makes others want to learn more...in less than 5 minutes!
- Develop the ability to succinctly present an and captivating way!

Earn 4 Merit Plan Points
toward your

A professor who has been named

Jonathan Adams
Technology Management & Research

Kate Perrone
Senior Research Scientist @ Microsoft

Alan Olegario
Corporate Research Assistant (Microsoft)

Delta Scholars

Are you Rutgers Honors College's next Delta Scholar?

Rutgers University Honors College, in partnership with the Mississippi State University Shackelford Honors College, is now accepting applications from students who are interested in leadership programs in the program.

LEARN MORE AND APPLY

**Open Space Walk in
New York City**

WITH FACULTY FELLOW DR. DAVID TELLOCH

**SAT, NOV 22
9am-5:30pm**

SPACE IS LIMITED!
PLEASE SIGN UP

<https://openworkbooks.com/>

TI ISSUES—HCHQ Druskin Lounge

Series hours toward your Honors College community engagement requirement for attending.

**Community Engagement and Voter Participation
Bled Populations | 7:30-7:50 PM**
Lisa Shar, Center for Disability Studies

**Community Engagement and Voter Participation
LGBTQ+ Populations | 8:00-8:50 PM**
A Cunningham

**THURSDAY
MARCH 04
7:30 PM**

META CINEMA—HCHQ Dr

**Workshop on Genocide & Human Rights
Focus on Ukraine FA25**

- Common Reading**
The War Came to Us
by Christopher Miller
- Lecture**
Ukraine from the Holodomor to the Present
- Visit**
Ukrainian Museum NYC
Oct 31, 2025
- Discussion with Chris Miller**
Oct 31, 2025
- Site Visit**
UN Commission on the Prevention of Genocide
Dec 9, 2025

THE WAR CAME TO US
Ukraine and the World

Interested in creative writing?

**Come join
The HC Writing Circle**

Every two weeks | HCHQ S124

Calling all creative and aspiring writers—come to the HC Writing Circle, an informal group gathering periodically to share feedback and encouragement. Snacks will be served.

If you have questions or concerns, or are interested, but unable to join us in this particular session, please email writing HC Faculty Fellow Tzip Mironson: tzipmironson@rutgers.edu

**A
YEAR
IN
REVIEW**

*Academic
Enrichment*

APPLYING FOR SOPHOMORE HONORS

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- an electronic copy of a student's unofficial RU transcript,
- a personal statement/essay,
- an updated and recent resume, and
- one letter of recommendation from a collegiate-level faculty member^

APPLICATION DATES AND STEPS

- Application OPENS on May 25, 2026
- Application CLOSES on June 15, 2026. No late applications accepted
- Acceptance Date: August 01, 2026
- Sophomore Honors College Advising: August 01 - September 01

^ We strongly recommend regular, full-time faculty (TT or NTT); under limited circumstances a Graduate TA or someone in another instructional position may be used. When in doubt, ASK FIRST.

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[HONORSCOLLEGE.RUTGERS.EDU/ADMISSIONS/SOPHOMORES-AND-JUNIORS](https://honorscollege.rutgers.edu/admissions/sophomores-and-juniors)

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Q&A

RUTGERS HONORS COLLEGE *Inspired. Empowered. Connected.*



A group of people are seated around a large conference table in a meeting room. The room has large windows and potted plants. A large, white, stylized letter 'R' is positioned in the upper center of the image, set against a semi-transparent red background that covers the entire scene.

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Thank You!