



Mission Statement: The UIC Honors College enhances opportunities for intellectual challenge and leadership by fostering a community of academic excellence, connecting outstanding undergraduate students with premier faculty mentors and promoting scholarly engagement. By bringing together a diverse group of exceptional undergraduate students, faculty, and staff, the Honors College provides an environment for advanced intellectual growth and a foundation for life-long learning.

By the numbers:
1,637 Honors College students
61% Women
41% Pell-eligible
26% First-generation College Student

The graduation rate for Honors College students is 84%.
The first-to-second year retention rate is 95%

- Honors College students have an average 3.66 UIC GPA.
- Fifty-five percent of first-year students say that they would not have attended UIC without the Honors College.
- Honors students have access to 65 Honors courses each year. The average class size for an Honors course is 19.
- Over 375 faculty, representing UIC's 14 degree-granting colleges, serve as Honors Fellows, who mentor Honors College students.
- Nearly 36% of Honors College students engage in research under the supervision of UIC faculty members each year, and all Honors students conduct research before graduation.
- Each semester, over 200 Honors College students participate in civic engagement activities, such as tutoring, mentoring at-risk youth, or shadowing in local health clinics.
- The Honors College supports 15 student organizations, such as the Honors College Advisory Board, Peer Health Exchange, Society for Future Physicians, and six student publications.
- The Honors College financially supports approximately 350 students each year through 23 scholarship programs, awarding approximately \$2.24 million annually.
- Since 2000, over 120 Honors College students have been awarded nationally competitive scholarships, including the Rhodes, Gates-Cambridge, Fulbright, National Science Foundation, Truman, and Goldwater Scholarships.
- Nearly two-thirds of Honors College graduates continue their education in graduate or professional school within a few years of graduation, and 30% begin a relevant work experience.

