



Scholars Academy Application



Promoting Success for Students Majoring in Natural Sciences, Computer Science, Engineering, or Mathematics

Academy Benefits:

- Over 17 years of developing and graduating professionals and leaders in STEM
- Small learning community promoting and supporting STEM majors' success
- Personal peer mentors and PhD faculty mentors providing guidance to all Academy members
- Access to free tutoring in lower and upper division courses in math, sciences, engineering
- Connection to career soft skills training & career broadening activities (field trips and seminars)
- Partnership with UHD Honors Program
- Support in entrance to university-level mentored research with PhD researcher
- Free GRE and other graduate entrance exam workshops, and travel support to national conferences
- Opportunities for external summer research, internships, and graduate programs
- Opportunities to receive additional funding through on-campus research, mentoring, tutoring, and workshop activities
- Bi-annual orientations and other special events for Academy members

**Merit Scholarships
Early Apply Deadlines
Dec. 1, Feb. 1, April 1**

High School Seniors, Transfer Students, and Current UHD Students are invited each year to compete for nearly **180 scholarships** ranging from approximately \$2,000 - \$4,500 per academic year (fall/spring semesters) from UHD and Scholars Academy grant funding. Tuition and fees at UHD for one academic year as a full-time university student is approximately \$6,000.

Eligibility Pathways to Enter SA:

Automatic Entrance for Freshmen & Transfers through Merit Scholarship Awards:

First Time Freshmen & Transfers - Automatic Acceptance Pathway into Scholars Academy

- Be offered and accept a UHD Distinguished or Merit Scholarship (Renewable 2-4 years w/ minimum GPA of 3.5). Requires UHD Admissions application completed by Dec. 1.
- Be offered and accept a UHD Non-Renewable Scholarship (1 year w/ minimum GPA of 3.5)
- Be enrolled as a UHD full-time university student and a member of the Scholars Academy (12-15 credit hours minimum)
- Complete an SA E-Application (see link below)
- Register for Freshman Seminar (1303)/University Seminar (2303) course linked to SA

Entrance for High Performing Freshmen:

Current High School Seniors:

- Minimum unweighted overall 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) (competitive)
- Minimum SAT score of 1,000 (500 each on mathematics and critical reading sections); or equivalency on other standardized exams; or TSI readiness levels
- Credit for at least pre-calculus in high school preferred
- Complete an SA E-Application (see link below) & submit all required items listed
- Upon acceptance into SA, register for Freshman Seminar (1303)/University Seminar (2303) course linked to SA

Entrance for [Non-Merit] Transfers or Current UHD students:

- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in college within last 4-5 years
- Be enrolled as a full-time student (12-15 credit hours minimum)
- Complete an SA E-Application (see link below) & submit all required items listed
- Upon acceptance into SA, register for Freshman Seminar (1303)/University Seminar (2303) course linked to SA

Most scholarships require U.S. citizenship or permanent residency; international students are still invited to apply. New students entering UHD as freshmen or transfers (less than 75 college credit hours) are first priority. Economically disadvantaged and/or disabled students, veterans, females and ethnic minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Eligibility for renewal each semester requires Scholars Academy (SA) scholarship recipients to actively fulfill SA requirements and/or UHD Merit requirements including a Freshman/University Seminar course, and other requirements based on the specific scholarship/s awarded. Plus, SA scholarship recipients must maintain full-time enrollment and a minimum GPA each semester while pursuing a major within the UHD College of Sciences and Technology.

Requirements for a Complete Application:

- **Acceptance into the Scholars Academy also requires UHD admission.** Go to www.applytexas.org and create an 'ApplyTexas' Account to apply for UHD admissions and complete the application payment.
- One-page typed statement of your academic and professional goals (during and after college). Submit to scholars@uhd.edu.
- A 1-2 page resume or curriculum vita. Submit to scholars@uhd.edu.
- Transcript(s) from high schools and colleges and also Standardized exam scores (i.e. SAT, ACT). Submit to scholars@uhd.edu. Unofficial copies are accepted. If already accepted by UHD admissions, these are not needed.
- Two electronic recommendations from current Math/Science/English instructors or counselors (see link below).
- Completion of FAFSA/TASFA application is recommended (do not send copies to the Scholars Academy): <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>

SA e-Application:

http://uhd.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bfIIFSvI4XIOmEt



SA e-Recommendations: http://uhd.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dg4xOVeE4X2vazr



Digital application version: <https://www.uhd.edu/academics/sciences/scholars/Pages/scholars-index.aspx>



Completed Non-Merit Applications are reviewed by the SA Faculty Review Committee & Recommendations.

The UHD Scholars Academy (SA) is an academically competitive program in the College of Sciences and Technology (CST) which promotes scholarship and student success for undergraduate students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

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