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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Honors College at the University of Arkansas is to provide exceptional opportunities for outstanding undergraduates, to enhance their educational experiences and academic performances, and to serve the University by underscoring its reputation as a research institution where students come first. This mission incorporates four areas of responsibility: recruitment, administration of honors fellowships, coordination of honors programs and curricula, and coordination of related services.

ORGANIZATION AND FACILITIES

The Dean's Office for the Honors College is housed on the fourth floor of the Administration Building. Large, newly renovated honors lounges, designed as study and relaxation areas for students, may also be found on the fourth floor. The Honors College was created by a \$200 million dollar gift from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation with the goal that an honors education would be available in every college, with the Honors College serving as an umbrella organization, providing coordination of honors efforts among the colleges and additional scholarship and service opportunities for participating students.

The Academic Scholarship Office is part of the Honors College. Scholarships are awarded to a variety of students, both incoming and current, at the University of Arkansas. Students do not have to be in the Honors College to receive many of these scholarships though participation in honors of qualified students is always encouraged.

Scholarships awarded to incoming freshmen not funded through the Honors College include the Bodenhamer Scholarship, the Chancellor's Scholarship, the University Scholarship, and the Leadership Scholarship. Scholarships for current students include the Brandon Burlsworth Memorial Scholarship, the R. Coin Mason Scholarship, the Blanche Bledsoe and Clarence J. Rosecrants Senior Endowed Scholarship, the Boles-Zaulx Scholarship, the Alfred Allen Scholarship and many more. These scholarships are available to students across the University. For additional information see the chapter on Financial Aid and Scholarships in this catalog.

The Office of Post-Graduate Fellowships provides assistance to all students who are applying for international graduate fellowships — the Marshall, Rhodes, Gates Cambridge, Rotary, and Fulbright, and national graduate fellowships such as those provided by the NSF, the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, and the Mellon and Jacob Javits Foundations. The office also assists students with applications for nationally competitive undergraduate scholarships — Barry Goldwater (for outstanding sophomores and juniors in mathematics, science, and engineering), the Truman (for outstanding juniors interested in pursuing

a career in public service), the Morris Udall (for competitive students who intended to pursue a career connected to environmental concerns), the James Madison (for students who want to become educators in the social sciences) and many more. The office also provides assistance to graduate, law, and medical school applicants.

The Honors College Governing Board consists of the Chancellor, the Provost, the Dean of the Honors College, the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, and the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.

The Honors College Directors' Council consists of the Directors of the Honors Programs in each of the colleges and is chaired by the Associate Dean of the Honors College. The Honors Directors include the following:

Duane Wolf, Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, Plant Sciences 115

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John Norwood, Walton College of Business, Walton College of Business 328

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The Advanced Placement Summer Institute is a College Board approved summer program coordinated by the Honors College. The institute provides training to Advance Placement teachers in American history, biology, calculus, chemistry, composition, computer science, government, literature, physics, psychology and statistics.

ADMISSION TO THE HONORS COLLEGE

Admission to the Honors College requires that a student first be admitted to an honors program in the college of major. Students admitted to a program are automatically included in the Honors College. Students admitted to the Honors College must have a minimum 28 ACT or SAT equivalent and a minimum 3.5 high school graduate point average. These are the basic requirements for each of the honors programs except the Walton College of Business, which requires a 28 ACT or SAT equivalent and a minimum 3.75 high school grade point average. Students can also be admitted at the end of the freshmen year by earning a 3.5 on 30 completed hours or through the end of the sophomore year by earning a 3.5 on 60 completed hours (the total does not include Advance Placement or CLEP credit).

HONORS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation endowed two major scholarships for incoming freshmen to be administered by the Honors College. The Foundation also endowed funds for current honors students for study abroad and undergraduate research.

Honors College Fellowships provide \$50,000 over a four-year period for outstanding incoming freshmen. A separate application is required (applications are available on the Honors College Web page). The deadline for application is February 1. Students will also be required to interview for the fellowships. The award covers tuition, room and board, and provides additional monies for the purchase of a computer and for study abroad.

Honors College Academy Scholarships provide \$16,000 over a four-year period for outstanding incoming freshmen from under-represented counties in Arkansas. The application for admission serves as the application for this scholarship.

Honors College Study Abroad Grants are available to competitive students in the Honors College who have completed a minimum of 30 hours, 6 of which must be in honors. A separate application is required and is available in the Honors College Office. Deadlines are October 15 and February 15.

Honors Undergraduate Research Grants are available to competitive students in the Honors College who have completed a minimum of 30 hours, 6 of which must be in Honors. A separate application is required and is available in the Honors Office. The application includes a five-page summary of the proposed research and a detailed letter of support from the research mentor. Deadlines are October 15 and February 15.

HONORS COLLEGE INTERNSHIPS

Fifty Honors College internships are offered each semester. Students register for a one-hour credit course. The course provides information on applying for scholarships, writing resumes and personal statements, and interviewing skills for internships and fellowships. Interns also receive a \$300 stipend for assisting with recruitment.

HONORS DEGREES

The Honors College does not confer degrees. Honors degrees are conferred by the college of major.