



Scholars Academy Application

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

Academy benefits:

- Personal peer mentors and faculty mentors to provide guidance for all Academy members
- Access to free tutoring, Science Learning Center, and Collaborative Learning Community Center
- Access to the state-of-the-art classrooms/labs for all courses
- Small classes taught by full-time faculty
- Honors Program in Junior and Senior years
- Field trips, seminars, GRE workshops, and travel support to national conferences
- Opportunities for external summer research, internship and graduate programs
- Opportunities to receive additional funding for participating on-campus within research, mentoring, tutoring, lab and/or part-time office positions, and workshop activities
- Additional special activities and events for Academy members

Apply Now!

High school students, transfer students, and current UHD students are invited each year to compete for nearly **160 scholarships** of up to \$5,000 per academic year (fall/spring semesters) from Scholars Academy. Tuition and fees at the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) for one academic year as a full-time student is approximately \$5,000. **Eligibility requirements:**

- 1) For high school senior applicants:
 - a. Minimum unweighted overall 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
 - b. Minimum score of 450 on SAT math and verbal exam sections; or equivalency on other standardized exams
 - c. Credit for at least pre-calculus in high school preferred
- 2) For transfer applicants or current UHD students:
 - a. Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in college within last 4-5 years
- 3) Most scholarships require U.S. citizenship or permanent residency; internationals are still invited to apply

New freshmen and transfer (less than 75 college credit hours) applicants entering UHD are given top priority. Socially and economically disadvantaged and/or disabled students, females and ethnic minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

Scholarship recipients must maintain full-time enrollment and a minimum GPA each semester, plus actively participate in UHD Scholars Academy activities as a computer science, mathematics, natural sciences or engineering major in order to be eligible for renewal each semester.

A complete application requires:

- 1) Completion of a scholarship application form (attached).
Acceptance into the Scholars Academy also requires UHD admission. Go to www.applytexas.org and create an 'ApplyTexas' Account to apply for UHD admissions.
- 2) One-page typed statement of your academic and professional goals (during and after college)
- 3) A 1-2 page resume or curriculum vita
- 4) Copy of your official high school and/or college transcript(s)
- 5) Copy of current SAT or other standardized exam scores (i.e. ACT) - high school applicants only
- 6) Two sealed recommendation forms and/or letters from current counselors, Math/Science/English instructors
- 7) Completion of online FAFSA/TASFA application is encouraged (do not send copies to the Scholars Academy)

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

Funded by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (1T34GM079088), National Science Foundation (0728408, 0909948, 0934913, 0965952), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (SDB-27-10-1121), Joint Admission Medical Program (K-2-01024), The Brown Foundation, Inc., Welch Foundation (BJ-0027), UHD Donors

One Main Street, 725-North; Houston TX 77002-1001
Phone: 713-222-5344; Fax: 713-222-5356; scholars@uhd.edu; www.uhd.edu/scholars





Scholars Academy Application

INSTRUCTIONS: Please carefully read all questions and complete the entire application. Request recommendation forms to be completed/sealed on your behalf from **two** of your current instructors (submit with application or separately). **Submit this two-page application form together with your essay, resume/CV, and copies of all transcripts** (unofficial copies are accepted). Send application materials to:
UHD Scholars Academy, One Main Street, Suite 725-North, Houston, TX, 77002-1001
 Applications are accepted year-round. For priority consideration, apply 60 days before the start of the fall/spring semester.

I am currently: Attending High School Attending UHD Attending _____ (Please Specify) Not a Student

PART 1. PERSONAL and CONTACT INFORMATION

- UHD Student ID _____
- Date of Birth _____ (Month/Day/Year)
- Full Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Suffix – Jr., etc.)
- Gender _____ 5. Nationality _____ 6. U.S. Citizen? Yes No If no, Permanent Resident? Yes** No
**Submit copy of PR card
- Ethnicity? Hispanic or Latino Non-Hispanic and Non-Latino
- Race? American Indian Alaska Native Asian Black or African-American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White/Caucasian Other
- Address _____ Apt. # _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Cell/Other _____
- Email Address _____ (will be required if accepted into the program)
- Emergency contact: Full Name _____
 Relationship _____ Contact Number(s) _____

PART 2. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

- High School graduation date _____ 13. High School GPA _____ College GPA (if applicable) _____
- From what high school did/will you graduate? _____
Name District State Country
- Planned date of attending UHD _____ 16. Expected college graduation date _____
- If you took the SAT, list your scores: Math _____ Critical Reading _____
- If you took the ACT, list your scores: Composite _____ Math _____ English _____
- Please check one or more possible major fields of study that you intend to pursue at UHD:

Attach unofficial copies of SAT, ACT scores

Computer and Mathematical Sciences:

- Computer Science
- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Statistics
- Computer/Math Teaching

Engineering:

- Engineering Technology
- Pre-engineering
 (Students are encouraged to begin their coursework at UHD, then transfer to UH-Central after 2-3 years)

Natural Sciences:

- Applied Microbiology
- Biological & Physical Sciences
 - with emphasis in Teaching Certification
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
 - with emphasis in Biochemistry
 - with emphasis in Environmental Chemistry
 - with emphasis in Forensic Science
 - Industrial Chemistry

Allied Health Professions: Dental Medical Optometry Pharmacy Veterinary Other _____

Special programs: Biomedical Sciences Nuclear Sciences Teaching High School Science

PART 3. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

20. List volunteer activities within the last year. _____

21. List club memberships and positions within the last year. _____

22. Are you currently employed? Yes No

Employer	Position Title	Duties	# of hours per week
----------	----------------	--------	---------------------

Please list two instructors (one of whom taught/teaches you math or science) whom you have asked to complete a recommendation form. These individuals should be familiar with your academic performance and career goals.

Name	Title	Phone	Name	Title	Phone
------	-------	-------	------	-------	-------

PART 4. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

23. Please check the appropriate boxes regarding your **parents'** education:

	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Did not complete high school or GED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High school graduate/GED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate degree (from community or junior college)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bachelor's degree from college or university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advanced degree (Masters, Ph.D., MD, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Father's occupation, or former occupation if retired: _____		
Mother's occupation, or former occupation if retired: _____		

24. Are you the parent/guardian of dependent children? Yes No
25. What is the primary language spoken in your home?
 English An African dialect
 Spanish An Asian dialect
 Other (please specify) _____

26. Size of household:
- 1-2
 - 3-4
 - 5-6
 - 7 or more
27. Household annual income:
- <\$20,000
 - \$20,000-\$40,000
 - \$40,000-\$75,000
 - >\$75,000

28. Have you ever received free or reduced price school lunches? Yes No

29. How did you initially hear about UHD Scholars Academy?

Poster/Flyer Scholars Academy website

Counselor (please specify) _____ Teacher (please specify) _____

Scholars Academy member (please specify name) _____

UHD Recruiter (please specify name or event) _____

Other (please specify name and/or event) _____

30. Do you have any disabilities? Yes No

I certify that this information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the UHD Scholars Academy Selection Committee to review my academic record and standardized test scores as submitted to the University of Houston-Downtown. If selected for this scholarship, I intend to enroll as a Computer Science, Mathematics, Engineering Technology or Natural Science Major and be an active member of the Scholars Academy at the University of Houston-Downtown. If accepted, I further authorize use of photos/videos and release of information deemed necessary for publications by the university and UHD Scholars Academy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under age 18, parent's signature required: _____

State law requires that you be informed of the following: (1) you are entitled to request to be informed about the information about yourself collected by use of this form (with a few exceptions as provided by law); (2) you are entitled to receive and review that information; and (3) you are entitled to have the information corrected at no charge to you. Also, in accordance with 504/ADA, UHD will attempt to provide reasonable academic aids to students who request and require them.

