THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

College-wide Honors Programs

IN THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES

The College of Natural Sciences is home to three undergraduate honors programs that serve all CNS majors. Each admits up to 50 freshmen per year and offers smaller classes, one-on-one academic advising throughout the student's college career, priority access to honors classes, increased contacts with faculty and like-minded students, and automatic admission to the world-renowned Freshman Research Initiative. If you're interested in becoming part of a small community of motivated students at one of the world's leading Tier One research universities, find the CNS honors program that fits you best.

DEAN'S SCHOLARS

For students seeking maximum exposure to research opportunities. Students conduct research in faculty-led labs related to their majors for their Capstone projects and typically go on to pursue careers in scientific research.

HEALTH SCIENCE SCHOLARS

For students seeking opportunities for service and research related to the health professions. Capstone projects typically involve community service, internships, or lab research in diverse disciplines. Most pursue careers in health professions.

POLYMATHIC SCHOLARS

For students seeking opportunities to expand their academic horizons beyond their major coursework. Students develop interdisciplinary Capstone projects combining fields within or beyond the sciences, and typically go on to careers in health professions, research, industry, law, or public service.

HOW TO APPLY

Incoming freshmen: Apply to UT-Austin at admissions.utexas.edu/apply, then complete CNS honors application. Include a résumé and recommendation letter from a math or science teacher.

Fall deadline for UT-Austin and CNS Honors: December 1.

Transfer students: Apply to UT-Austin at admissions.utexas.edu/apply no later than your third semester of post-secondary school, then complete transfer application: go to utexas.edu, search for the program, and click "How to apply."

Fall deadline for UT-Austin: March 1. For CNS Honors: July 31

Spring deadline for UT-Austin: October 1. For CNS Honors: December 15

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POLYMATHIC SCHOLARS

JONATHON RICHARME

Major: Neuroscience
Field: The Basis of Humor
Research: "I am analyzing the dynamics of laughter in a specific context, like a classroom, and in particular, how laughter serves as a grouping device, affecting feelings of unity or alienation within the group."

CELIA VALLES

Major: Biochemistry
Field: Mexican-American Culture and Medicine
Research: "I am conducting interviews to determine why patients seek and utilize curanderos. Ultimately, this data will be used to conclude whether barriers to health care in the Hispanic/Latino community can be overcome through the partnership of grassroots organizations and curanderos."

HEALTH SCIENCE SCHOLARS

CHRISTIANAH OGUNLEYE

Major: Biochemistry
Certificates: Business Foundations; African Studies
Research: "My thesis focuses on the relationship between educational funding and outcomes in high school, such as graduation rates and SAT scores. Through regression analyses, I am examining how key variables—socioeconomic status of families and minority composition and population density in counties, among others—affect this relationship."

CAROLINE STARLING

Major: Biology
Certificate: Social Inequality, Health, and Policy
Research: "My thesis concerns disparities in preterm birth and low birth weight outcomes. Specifically, I am exploring associations between maternal experiences of stress and preterm and low birth weight outcomes using data from the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System."

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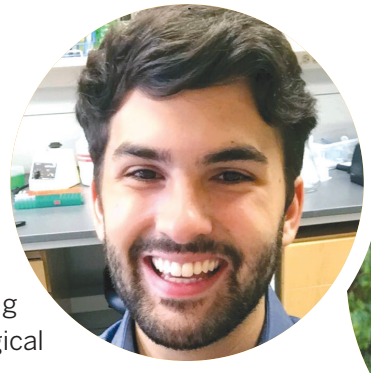

NICK PRESCOTT

Majors: Biochemistry; Spanish
Research: "I am studying the 3-D structures of enzymes involved in transcription and neurological diseases. Using this structural information, we can better understand biological pathways and design new drugs."

ELLEN ZIPPI

Major: Neuroscience
Research: "My project aims to map cortical representations of meaning-based knowledge using functional magnetic resonance imaging and models of semantic similarity derived from online text corpora."

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