



# Scholars Academy Application



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

### Academy Benefits:

- 22 years of experience in developing and graduating professionals and leaders in STEM
- Small learning community groups promoting and supporting STEM majors' success
- Discipline-based STEM peer and PhD faculty mentors providing guidance to all Academy members
- Access to free tutoring in lower and upper division courses in math, natural sciences, engineering, data science & computer science
- Connection to career soft skills training (CV/resume, personal statement) & career broadening activities (field trips and seminars)
- Support in entrance to university-level mentored research with PhD researcher program; stipends available
- Free GRE and other graduate entrance exam workshops, and travel support to national conferences
- Opportunities for external summer research, internships, and graduate research programs and national laboratories across US
- Opportunities to receive additional funding through on-campus research, mentoring, and tutoring; leadership development opportunities
- Bi-annual full SA organization orientations and other special events for Academy members
- Free lab safety and ethics training in research courses

High School Seniors, Transfer Students, and Current UHD Students are invited each year to compete for nearly **180 scholarships** ranging from approximately \$3,000 - \$4,000 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 can be found at: <https://www.uhd.edu/student-resources/cashiers/Pages/cashiers-tuition-fees.aspx>.

### Eligibility Pathways to Enter SA:

#### Automatic Entrance for Freshmen & Transfers through UHD 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). Consideration requires UHD Admissions application completed by Dec. 1; SAT scores (1040 minimally); TSI entrance possible see SA ExecDir.; Top 10% graduating class.
- Be enrolled as a UHD full-time university student (12-15 credit-bearing hours) and enter as a member of the Scholars Academy
- Complete an SA E-Application (see link below)
- Register for Freshman Seminar (1303) or University Seminar (2303) or NS 2190 course linked to SA (advisors determine course)

#### Entrance for High Performing Freshmen:

##### Current High School Seniors / Early College Completers:

- Minimum unweighted overall 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) (competitive)
- Minimum SAT score of 1,040 or equivalency on other standardized exams; or THECB TSI readiness levels for current year at or above college readiness levels; Top 10% graduating class
- Credit for at least pre-calculus in high school preferred; be enrolled as UHD full-time student
- Complete an SA E-Application (see link below) & submit all required items listed
- Upon acceptance into SA, register for Freshman Seminar (1303) or University Seminar (2303) or NS 2190 course linked to SA (advisors determine course)

##### 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; <75 hours of college coursework
- 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 University Seminar (2303) or NS 2190 course linked to SA (advisors determine course)

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 maintain 3.0 gpa, actively fulfill all 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](http://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). Attach to e-application.
- A 1-2 page resume or curriculum vita. Submit to application link.
- Transcript(s) from high schools and colleges obtained by UHD; Standardized exam scores (i.e. SAT, ACT) to UHD or uploaded to application. 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). [Only Merit recipients do not complete]
- Completion of FAFSA/TASFA application is recommended (do not send copies to the Scholars Academy): [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### SA e-Application:

[http://uhd.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_bfIIFSvI4XIOmEt](http://uhd.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bfIIFSvI4XIOmEt)



SA e-Recommendations: [http://uhd.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_dg4xOVeE4X2vazr](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 who make recommendations for acceptance.

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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