

University Honors



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Director's Message

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As the 2023-2024 academic year ends, I am happy to report that University Honors is thriving. Most of our students graduating this year started their college experience in a raging pandemic. Classes were forced to be delivered remotely while faculty and staff had to pivot to the so-called “new normal.” To be clear, there was nothing “normal” about that period and our students continued to meet substantial challenges with considerable grit and resolve as they navigated their way through their courses and other University Honors requirements including immersing themselves in their faculty-mentored research or creative activity capstone projects. Of course, all University Honors students have embraced the three pillars of excellence that define all of our programming: Promoting Creativity and Innovation, Cultivating a Culture of Contribution, and Celebrating Diversity & Global Citizenship. You will see evidence of this in the pages of this report but I also encourage you to check our website regularly to follow the latest developments in University Honors. Our students’ successes would not have been possible without the unwavering support of many UCR stakeholders but especially the amazing University Honors staff and Faculty Fellows who have consistently provided assistance for these scholars. There is still much work to be done but I am confident in stating that University Honors is a crown-jewel in this outstanding university and is well on its way in achieving its vision of becoming nationally recognized as a model college that produces graduates who continue to develop as lifelong learners, engaged citizens, and future leaders.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Cardullo, PhD
Howard H Hays Jr., Chair and Faculty Director
Professor of Biology and Biophysics

About Honors

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MISSION STATEMENT

University Honors engages a diverse community of students, faculty, and staff in the creation of global citizens through high-impact experiences that emphasize original scholarship, contribution, creativity, and innovation.

VISION STATEMENT

University Honors will be nationally recognized as a model college that produces graduates who are highly sought for premier opportunities and who continue to develop as lifelong learners, engaged citizens, and future leaders.

PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE



**PROMOTING CREATIVITY
& INNOVATION**



**CULTIVATING A CULTURE
OF CONTRIBUTION**



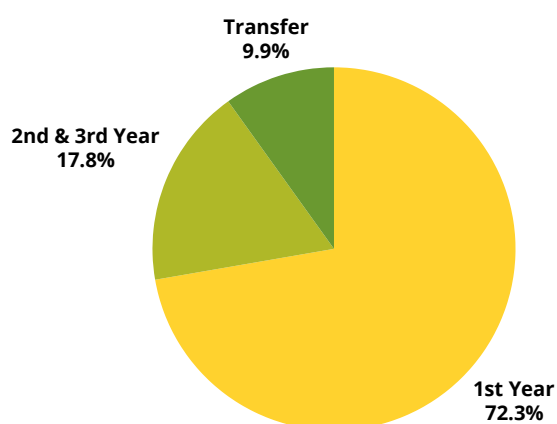
**CELEBRATING DIVERSITY &
GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP**

Statistics

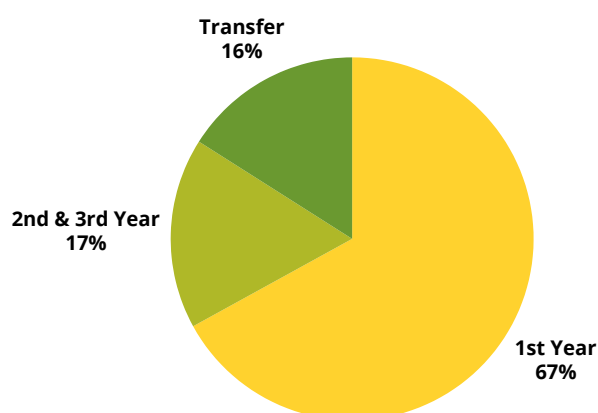
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Fall 2023 Admissions

Applicants



Admits



Statement of Intent to Register



Grade Point Average at Admission

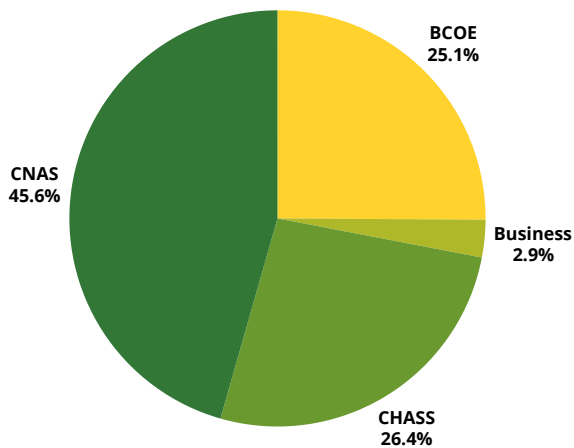


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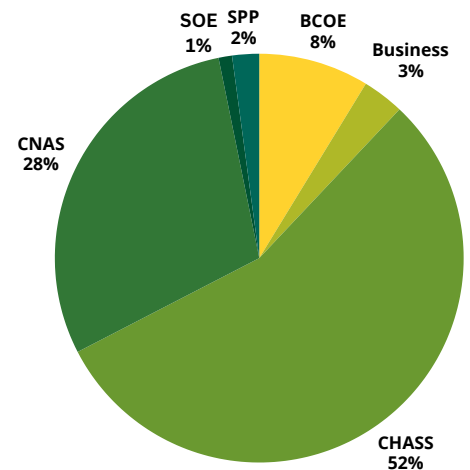
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College & School Distribution

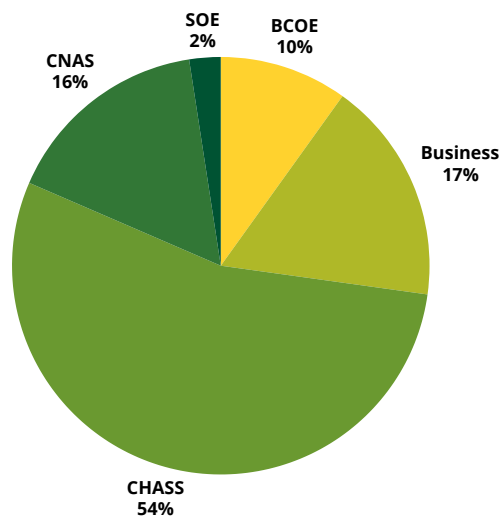
First-Year



Second-Year & Third Year



Transfers



Scholarships

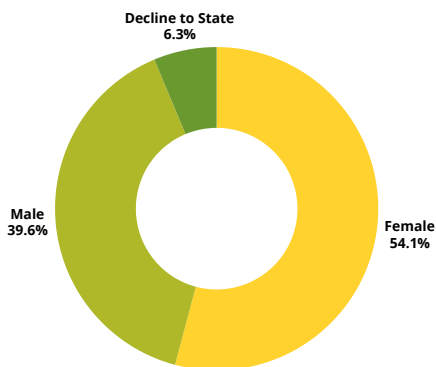
	Regent's Scholars	Chancellor's Scholars	Achievement Scholars
First-Years	11	4	1
Second-Year & Third-Year	3	0	0

Statistics

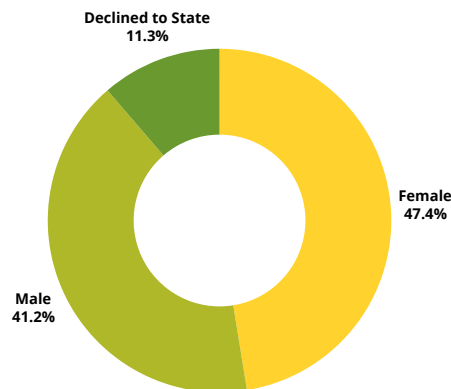
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Gender

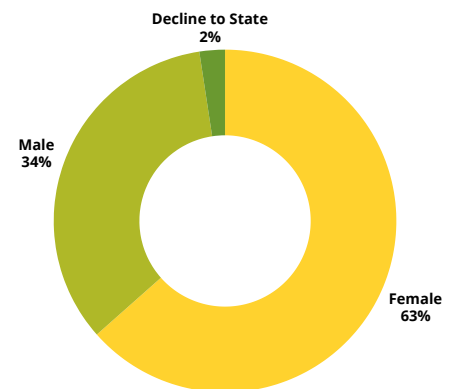
First-Year



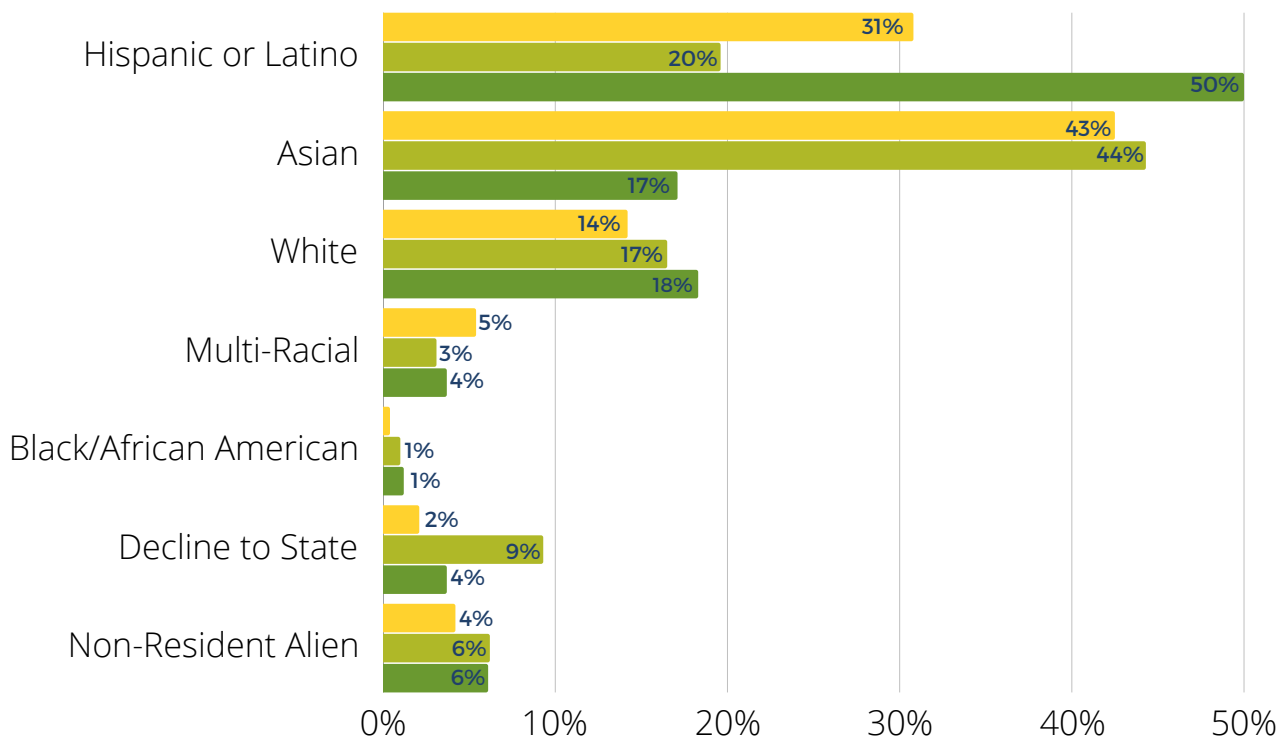
Second-Year & Third Year



Transfers



Ethnicity



First-Year



**Second-Year &
Third Year**



Transfer

Statistics

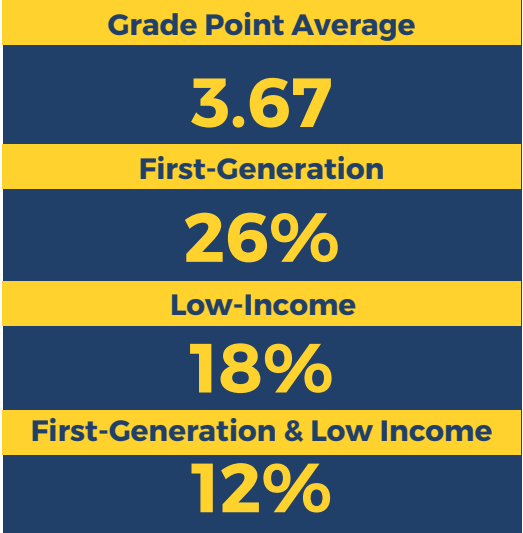
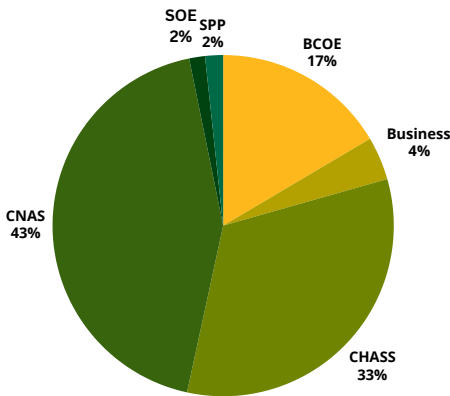
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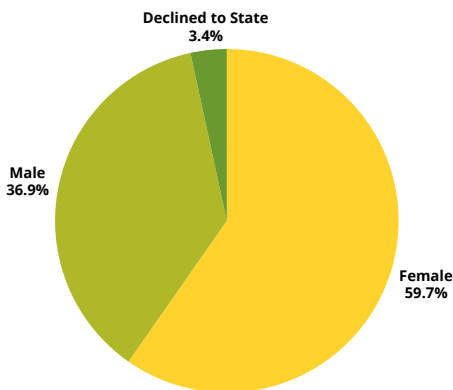
First Generation & Low Income

	First-Generation	Low-Income	First-Generation & Low-Income
First-Years	28%	19%	13%
Second-Year & Third-Year	23%	14%	9%
Transfers	65%	43%	35%

College & School Distribution



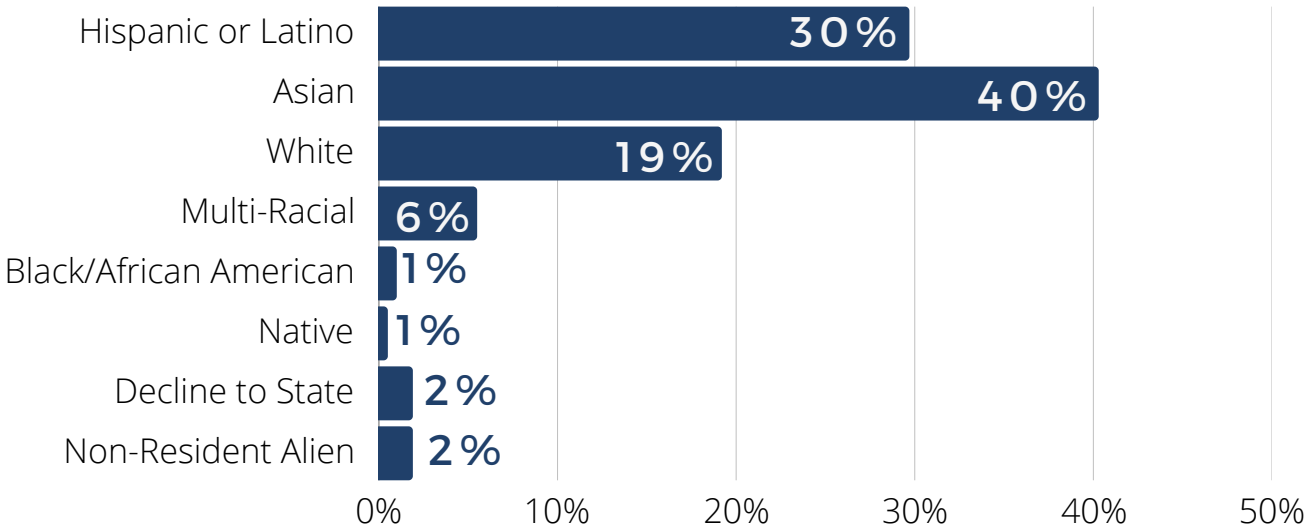
Gender



Scholarships



Ethnicity



University Honors Faculty Fellows

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DAVID COCKER
BCOE



STEPHANIE DINGWALL
CNAS



BEGONA ECHEVERRIA
GSOE



NIGEL HUGHES
CNAS



KELECHI KALU
CHASS



BREE LANG
CHASS



AMANDA LUCIA
CHASS



XÓCHITL C. CHÁVEZ
CHASS
FACULTY IN RESIDENCE
PENTLAND HILLS



VORRIS NUNLEY
CHASS
FACULTY IN RESIDENCE
GLEN MOR

Faculty & Course Statistics

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FACULTY IN RESIDENCE



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FACULTY LED FIELDTRIPS

- Huntington Library
- Downtown Riverside Museum & Mission Inn
- Downtown Riverside Sun Dial & Norton Simon Museum
- Lion King at Pantages Theatre

N/A

FACULTY ENGAGEMENT HOURS

N/A

FACULTY REAL-TALKS



26

COURSES

Course Enrollment

Fall: 765

Winter: 490

Spring: 460

Honors Recognition

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Howard H Hays Jr. Scholars

Recipient(s)

Emily Bomortino
Sylvia Chadwell
Yixing Chen
Josalyn Chow
Evelyn Homan
Dabin Kim
Erin Ku
Fatima Mushtaq
Sophia Sevic
Tamara Sezer
Georgina Thomas
Yongyi Wen

Phi Beta Kappa

Recipient(s)

Silvia Anguiano Pimental
Emily Bomortino
Alize Botello
Zoe Butler
Denise Chao
Karin Funaki
Uma Graneshan
Michelle Gray
Joseph Helliard
Shantanu Khaladkar
Kysritsi Loper
Caroline Lesser
Akhil Malhotra
Emily Nguyen
Allyson Phan
Kashish Rai
Taleen Shomar
Georgina Thomas
Frank Zhuang

Study Abroad & Academic Internship Participation

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STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

UC EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM: 15

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD PROGRAM: 8

UC WASHINGTON CENTER (UCDC) PARTICIPANTS

UC CENTER SACRAMENTO (UCCS) PARTICIPANTS



3

F23



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W24



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S24



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Su24



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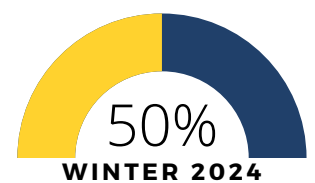
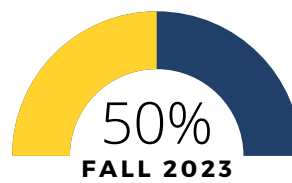
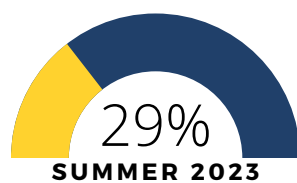
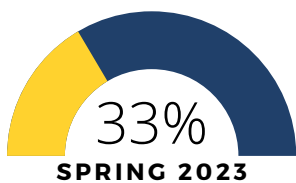
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High Impact Educational Experiences Participation

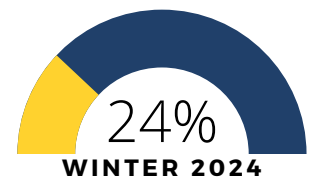
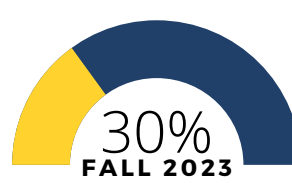
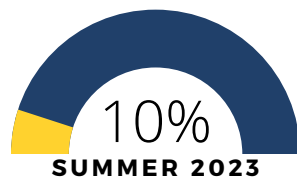
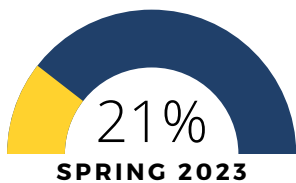
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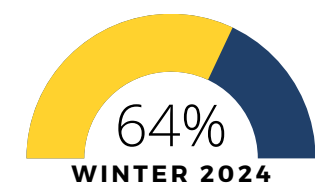
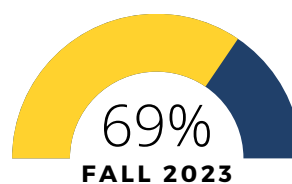
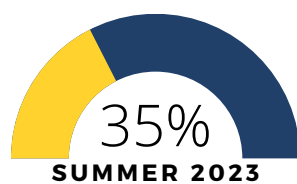
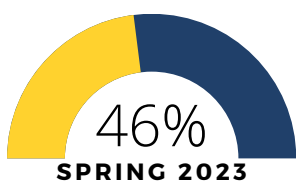
Research, Creative Activity, Scholarly Work



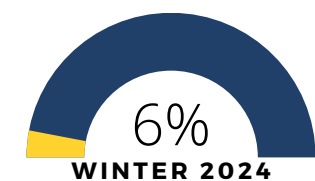
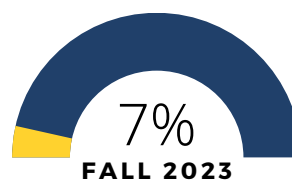
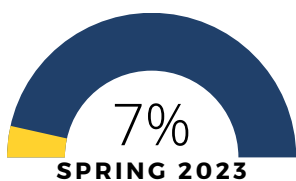
Scholarship Recipient



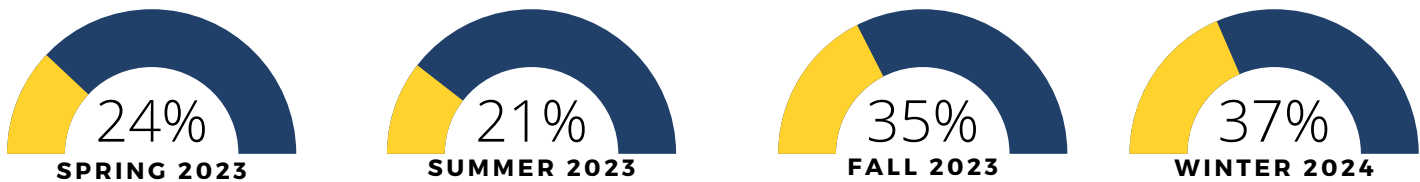
Member of On-Campus or Off-Campus Organization



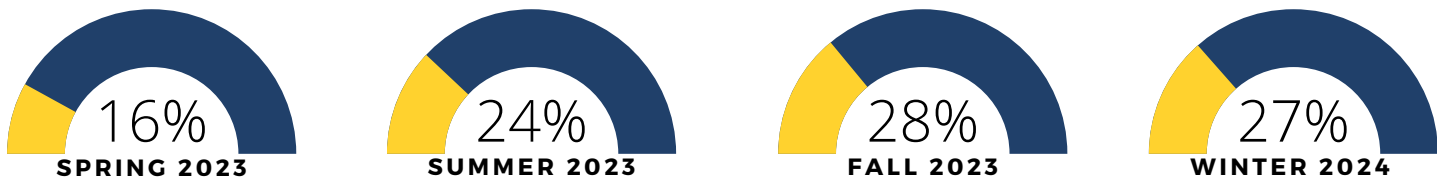
Unpaid Internship



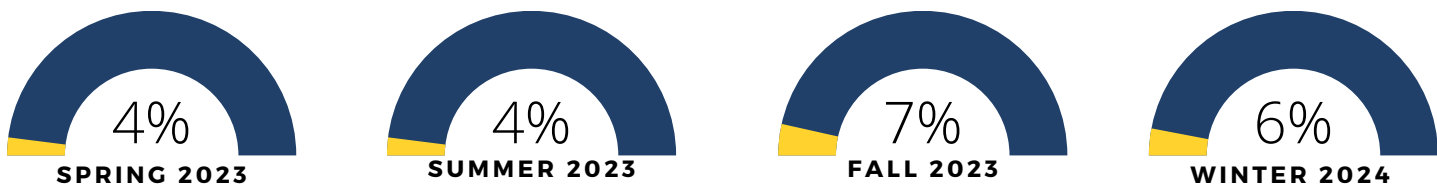
Leader of On-Campus or Off-Campus Organization



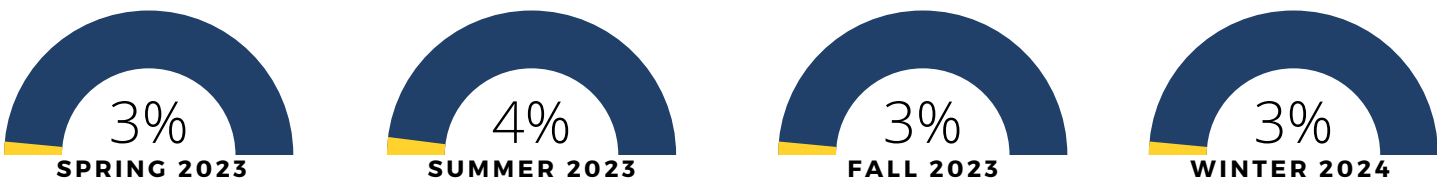
Part-Time Job or Paid Internship



Fellowship Recipient



Presenter at Discipline-Specific Conference



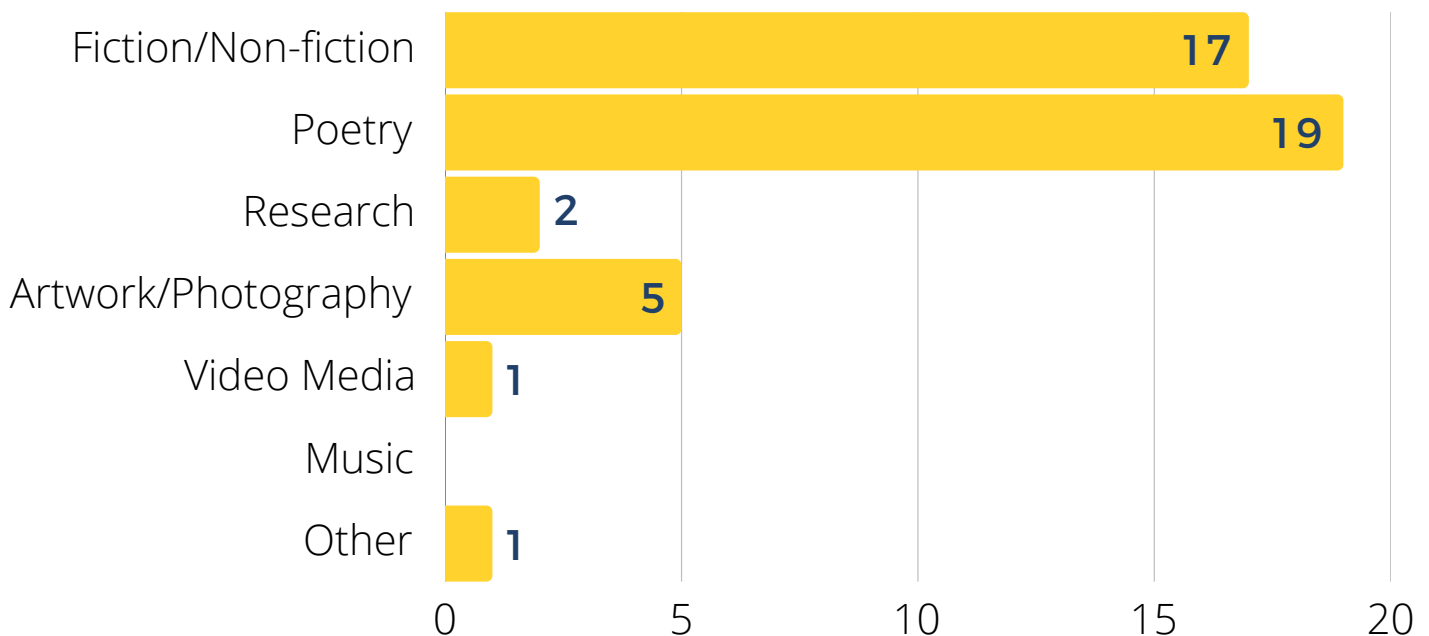
Member of an Honors Society



Audeamus was started in 2007 at UC Riverside as a multi-disciplinary journal for undergraduate Honors students across the UC system.



Total Submissions: 45



Published Submissions: 15 [33% acceptance rate]

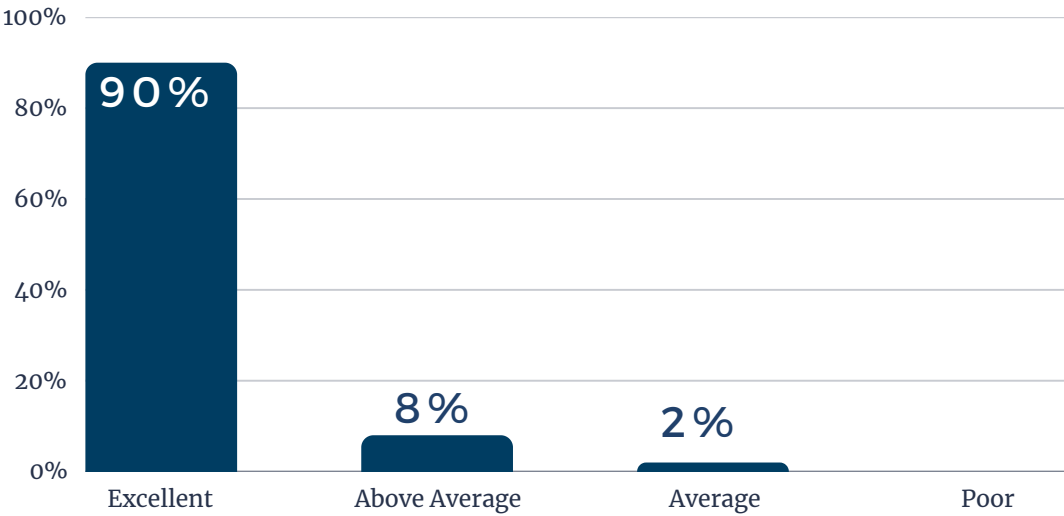
Ambassador Program

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University Honors Ambassadors work with the Honors team to enhance student development through peer mentoring, workshops, and extracurricular activities for Honors students.

Peer-Mentor (Hangout) Evaluations



15

Number of Ambassadors

15

Ambassador Events

302

Hangouts Offered
Students Per Hangout: 1

239

Students Mentored

Graduate Statistics

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Capstone Project Submissions

0

SUMMER 2023

7

FALL 2023

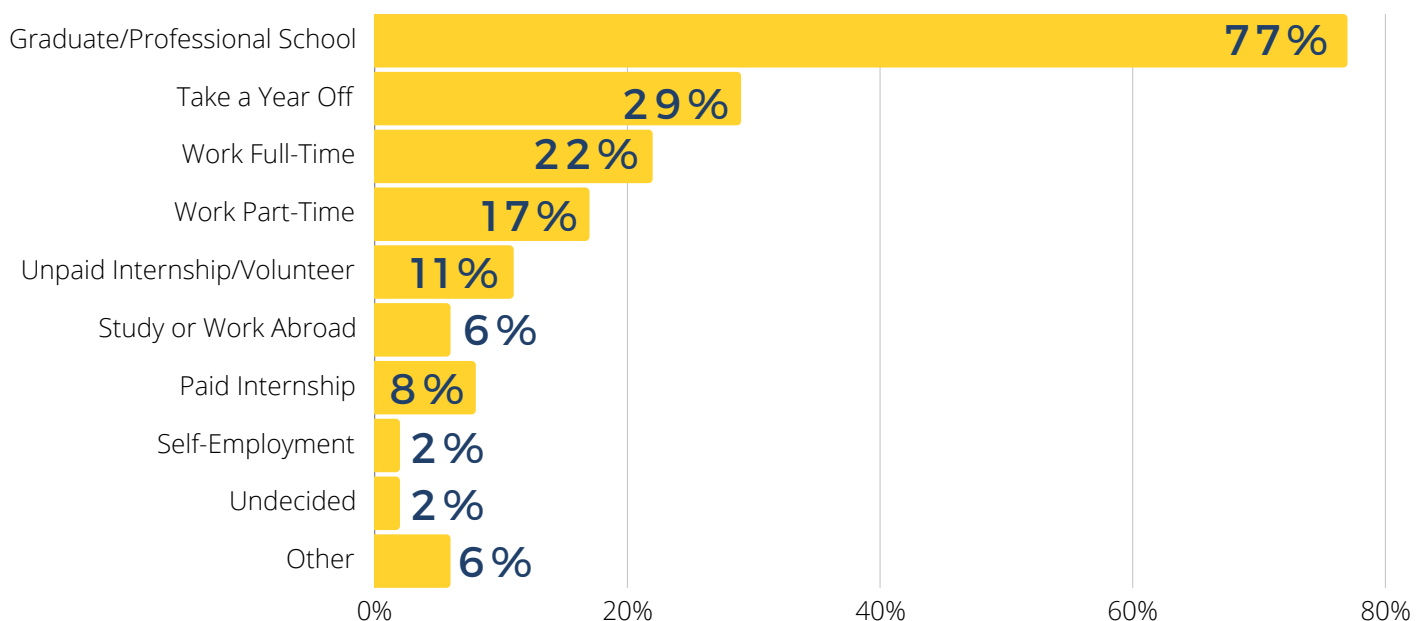
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WINTER 2024

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SPRING 2024

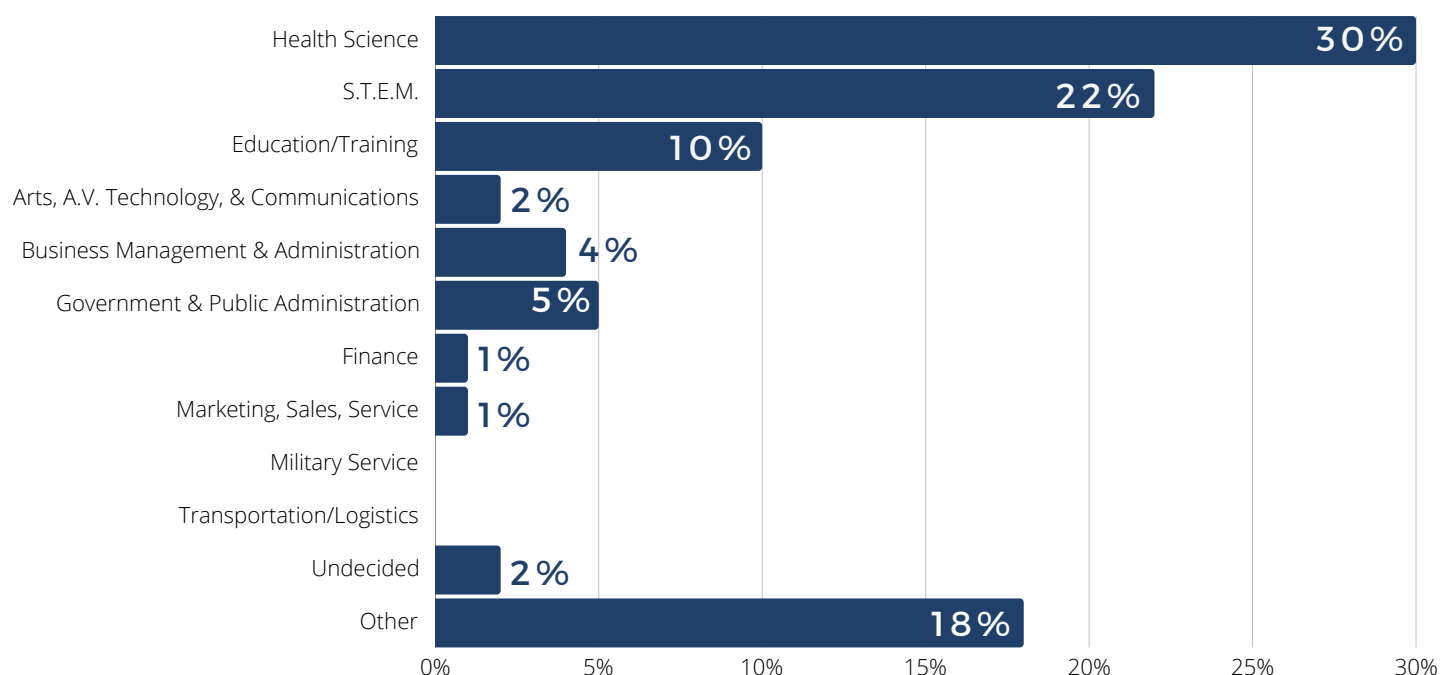
Post-Graduation Plans



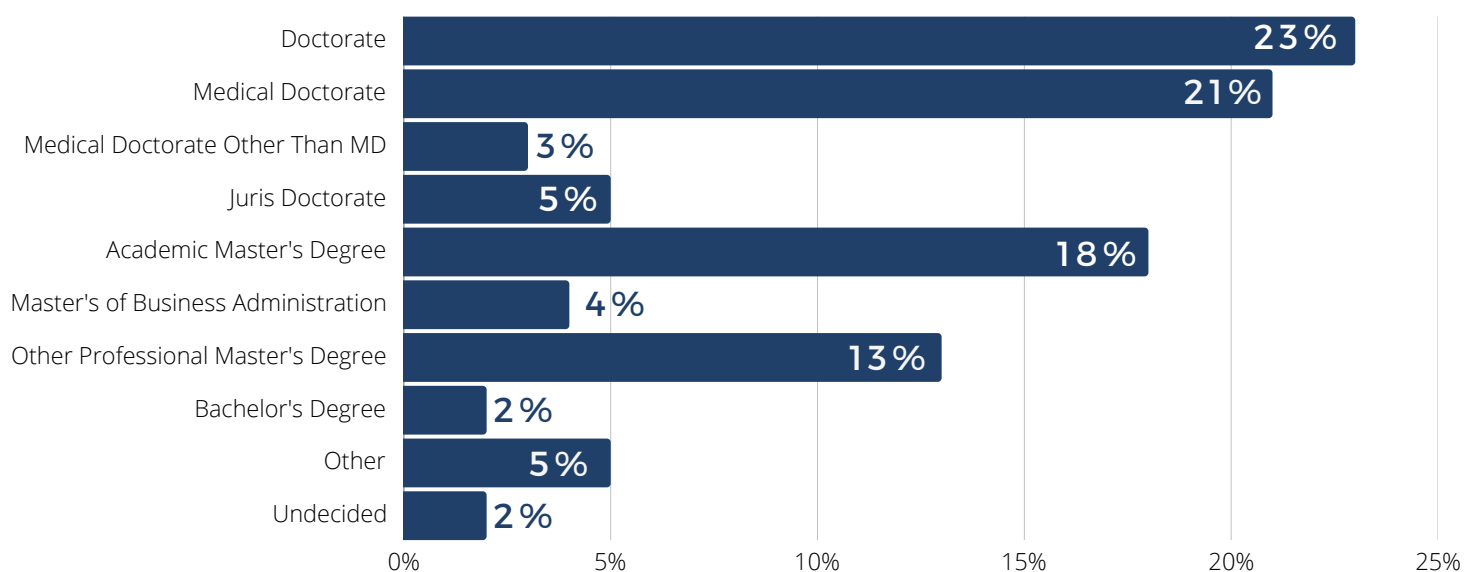
Graduate Statistics

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Career Aspirations



Highest Academic Degree Planned



Student Profiles

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Leonardo Padilla

2022-2023 University Honors Valedictorian
Biology

Leonardo is a first-generation Latinx student who discovered his passion for giving back upon studying Biomedicine abroad in Scandinavia. Upon his return to UCR, he committed to giving back to the community as a Highlander EMT, a Study Abroad Ambassador, and as a University Honors Ambassador.

"I am applying to Medical School."



Emaan Kaur

2022-2023 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient
Neuroscience

Emaan served as a University Honors Ambassador for two years and during that time organized Real Talks on water inequality and on resources for children of immigrant parents. She also served as a clinic coordinator for a free clinic on campus whose primary goal is to provide healthcare in different places of worship including Sikh Gurdwaras, Hindu temples and Thai temples.



"I plan to apply to physician assistant programs."

Brianna Madback

2022-2023 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient
Political Science

Brianna served as a member of multiple clubs and organizations at UCR such as Unheard Cries, the Lebanese Student Association, the Arabic Culture Club, and participated in the ASUCR Senate Internship. She conducted her research on political polarization and is also an artist who has published multiple poems.



"I plan to obtain a Master's degree in Child Welfare, Social Work."

William Troxel

2022-2023 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient
Biochemistry

William served as President and Lead Recruitment Coordinator for the MARC UCR student organization. His undergraduate research focused on predicting drug affinity based on the bound-state of a protein-ligand complex using computer simulations. He is striving to achieve professional fluency in Japanese, serving as an ESL Teacher for Japanese students since 2018.



"I will attend graduate school at UC Riverside pursuing a PhD in Environmental Toxicology."

Expenditures

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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AWARDED

\$232,470

HOWARD H HAYS RESEARCH FUNDS AWARDED

\$11,000

FACULTY FELLOW STIPENDS

\$42,000

FACULTY FELLOW FIELDTRIPS

\$4,000

COURSE REIMBURSEMENTS

\$23,000

University Honors Team Members

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CARDULLO, PH.D.**
HOWARD H HAYS, JR.
CHAIR AND FACULTY
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VOLUNTEER

Contributions will be used to enhance the services provided to our students, helping us continue to create legacies of student success. Consider giving back to University Honors by being a featured speaker, career mentor, or other such collaborative engagement.

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