

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

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## THE HONORS COLLEGE

### *Phronêsis*

### Research and Mentoring Program

#### Call for Applications

The Phronêsis Research and Mentoring Program (R&MP) invites applications from Honors students in the Minor who are eager to research and develop an expertise in a major ethical and/or political issue, with both historical importance and contemporary relevance.

Students selected for the R&MP will create, engage, and complete a significant research project by mid- Spring 2017. Working closely together with faculty mentors and with each other, students will produce a final research document (ca. 10 pages in length) for submission to relevant undergraduate conferences (presentation) and/or journals (publication).

All projects will be student-driven and must focus on the historical, intellectual, or theoretical roots of a contemporary problem within politics or ethics. (For example, if you are interested in the question of torture and human rights, you might explore some dimension of the history of punishment, or the history of rights or rights theories). Contemporary relevance as well as historical roots will be studied.

**To be eligible for this program**, you must be declared as a Minor in Phronêsis (in good standing) at the time of application.

To submit an **application**, send an email (see below), with a brief letter of interest (in the message itself) and 3 attachments: UH transcript, academic resume, and a proposal. The proposal must indicate the area of general research, related research questions (tentative, but focused), and be less than 3 pages (600 words) in length. Please be sure to provide a succinct statement of what the ethical and/or political issue is, why it interests you, and how you would approach researching the historical background and contemporary relevance of the issue.

Students selected to participate in R&MP are expected to meet as a group with the program director (at least once per month) – and with each other in advance of these meetings. Research agendas will be created and engaged in the fall semester; the final research paper must have a Bibliography with significant cited sources and be ready for submission by **April 2017**. Students selected for the program will receive a **financial stipend of \$1000** (\$500, disbursed each semester); additional

funding will be available to help students travel to an academic conference to deliver their research papers.

**Send applications** (email plus attachments) to Prof. Morrison ([ipmorris@central.uh.edu](mailto:ipmorris@central.uh.edu)), 'cc:' to Prof. Gish ([dgish@uh.edu](mailto:dgish@uh.edu)) **no later than Tuesday, Sept. 6.**

Applications will be reviewed and those students selected to participate will be notified no later than **Sept. 15.**