ALWAYS MOVING THE NEEDLE

It has been five years since my appointment as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and I take pride in the great strides that the University of Houston has taken to transform itself into a world-class institution for higher education. From overseeing the establishment of the UH Graduate School, the Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy, the Foundations of Excellence initiative, and Houston GPS, to the implementation of student success initiatives such as UHin4 and the Provost Summer Read program, I have continued to build upon this foundation of academic excellence in 2017-18.

The University of Houston does not call itself the Powerhouse for nothing. The past five years have shown us that through hard work, dedication, and perseverance, anything is possible. And that possibility is what drives us to keep moving the needle.

Paula Iveyich Short
Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Houston System
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston
The first graduating class from the Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy

Provost Paula Myrick Short with Byron Pitts, Provost Summer Read Program author

Cub Camp student leaders welcomed 200 participating freshmen in 2015.
Since joining the University of Houston in 2013, Provost Paula Myrick Short has established a number of initiatives in support of the President’s goals. These initiatives benefit faculty, students, and the university by focusing on academic quality and student success, ensuring a positive learning and working environment, recruiting and maintaining top-quality faculty, and increasing national and international prominence.

Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts opens; permanent endowment benefits arts students, faculty, and community outreach.

The rollout of the ACES Institute strives to enhance real-world learning experiences for students while addressing community needs.

Travels with Shasta tracks our mascot’s travels abroad. He spent a day at Lake Geneva.
Whether it is incoming freshmen, transfer students, or graduating seniors, student success has always been the top priority for Provost Short. The university has worked tirelessly to implement a variety of initiatives and programs that encourage timely graduation as well as strategic academic planning.
61% Freshman acceptance rate 2017-2018
85% 1-year retention rate of FTIC students fall 2017
17% Increase of Bachelor’s degrees awarded 2013-2017

4-Year and 6-Year Graduation Rates, 2013-2018

*The 6-year graduation rate for 2018 is currently a projection.
The University of Houston is committed to offering a world-class education without breaking the bank. The UHin4 program was created to simplify the process for students to earn both a high quality and affordable education within four years.

Program earns Star Award from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

67% of students in the fall 2014 FTIC cohort completed 90 hours by the end of their third year, compared to the prior three-year average of 59%.

2017
Since the program’s inception in 2014, more FTIC students are on track to graduate in four years, particularly students in underserved populations.

- **22 pts**
  With each subsequent year, UHin4 has seen increased participation by the incoming FTIC cohorts, rising 22 percentage points since its inception.

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**Students Completing 90 Hours by End of Third Year**

- **All Students**
  - Fall 2014 FTIC Cohort: 59%
  - Prior 3-Year Average: 67%

- **Pell-Eligible**
  - Fall 2014 FTIC Cohort: 56%
  - Prior 3-Year Average: 64%

- **First Generation**
  - Fall 2014 FTIC Cohort: 56%
  - Prior 3-Year Average: 67%

- **African American**
  - Fall 2014 FTIC Cohort: 50%
  - Prior 3-Year Average: 65%

- **Hispanic**
  - Fall 2014 FTIC Cohort: 54%
  - Prior 3-Year Average: 64%
Houston Guided Pathways to Success, or Houston GPS, is an integrated system of cohesive, interdependent strategies that are designed to increase and accelerate student completion and smooth two-year to four-year college transfer while improving educational quality for Houston-area students.
Increasing completion rates in the region through streamlined pathways and seamless transfer from 2-year to 4-year institutions.

Regional collaboration chosen to be a member of the Complete College America Alliance of States

Students within the region that could potentially benefit from this program

11 INSTITUTIONS

College of the Mainland
Houston Community College System
Lone Star College System
San Jacinto College District
Texas Southern University
University of Houston
University of Houston-Clear Lake
University of Houston-Downtown
University of Houston-Victoria
Victoria College
Wharton County Junior College

1 GOAL

1st

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Cub Camp is a supplemental first year transition program designed to bridge the gap between initial course enrollment and the beginning of the first fall semester. Students engage in purposeful activities that allow for a deeper understanding of UH culture and tradition, promote successful transition into college life, and identify and cultivate vital support systems.

92% of campers leave Cub Camp feeling proud to be a Coog!

△ 50%
Increase in freshman participants in Cub Camp, 2015-2017
42% of current camp counselors are previous participants.

69 Student staff members help plan and execute Cub Camp.

96% of campers return to UH after their first semester.

Cub Camp: student run, student led. This program brought to you by the Office of the Provost.
Provost Paula Myrick Short funds a number of scholarships to support the success of our students, including the Provost’s Service Learning Scholarship, the Houston Early Research Experience (HERE), and the Provost’s Undergraduate Research Scholarship (PURS).
Students who participate in the Bonner Leaders Program are eligible for this scholarship.

$107,500
Total funding disbursed
fall 2015-fall 2017

73
Total awards
fall 2015-fall 2017

Students receive $1,000 for successfully completing the HERE program in May. The associated scholarship is disbursed the following fall.

$55,000
Total funding disbursed
fall 2016-fall 2017

55
Total awards
fall 2016-fall 2017

Talented UH juniors and seniors receive a $1,000 scholarship to conduct a one-semester research project with UH faculty mentors.

$330,000
Total funding disbursed
spring 2013-fall 2017

33
Total awards
spring 2013-fall 2017
The Provost Summer Read Program is built around a common book that is read over the summer by all first-year students. Once students arrive on campus for the start of the fall semester, they participate in a meaningful dialogue with faculty and peers.

14,040 Students who had the book in a course

12 Unique courses that included the book in 2016 and 2017

24,500 Books given away since program started in 2014
BUILD & RETAIN A DIVERSE, WORLD-CLASS FACULTY

University of Houston faculty members are leaders in their fields and regularly make things happen — in the lab, in society, and around the world. Closer to home, faculty work with students to open up new worlds and new possibilities.

28 National Science Foundation CAREER Award winners since 2012

18 National Academies of Sciences and Engineering members since 2012

11 National Academies of Inventors fellows since 2012

1 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
The overall goal of this three-year initiative is to begin the process of adjusting the nine-month academic salaries of our tenured and tenure-track faculty members to more accurately reflect an individual faculty member’s sustained performance, while also ensuring that in aggregate UH faculty salaries are recognized as being nationally competitive with other Tier One institutions.

### Competitive Salary Initiative

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- **2016**
  - $826,906 funds disbursed during first cycle:
  - **244 faculty** received the maximum annual salary increment available
  - **63 faculty** had salaries increased to 95% of the national average
- **2017**
  - $804,083 funds disbursed during second cycle:
  - **207 faculty** received the maximum annual salary increment available
  - **36 faculty** had salaries increased to 95% of the national average
- **2018**
  - With the third and final cycle currently underway, CSI projects that 17% of faculty will remain below 95% of the national average.
  - Faculty who were eligible for the CSI in all three years are projected to receive a total salary increase of $9,250.
The Faculty Café is designed to encourage and promote *Esprit De Corps* amongst UH faculty members. This dedicated space on campus facilitates and encourages individual and group faculty interactions and “collisions” in an informal setting.

**Faculty Café**

**Events during spring 2017**
- 9

**Events during summer 2017**
- 17

**Events during fall 2017**
- 23

Faculty members attended webinars, workshops, and presentations in fall 2017.
Faculty memberships with the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity: **229**

Faculty graduates from the inaugural 12-week UH Faculty Success Program: **9**

Webinars and teaching resources added to University of Houston inventory: **366**

Total faculty visits to the Faculty Café (as of Feb. 2018): **7,871**

**Visits to the Faculty Café**

- **CLASS**: 34%
- **NSM**: 15%
- **Education**: 11%
- **Libraries**: 8%
- **Engineering**: 7%
- **Other**: 25%
- **Arts**: 5%
- **Business**: 4%
- **HRM**: 3%
- **Optometry**: 3%
- **Honors**: 2%
- **Pharmacy**: 2%
- **Social Work**: 2%
- **Architecture**: 2%
- **Nursing**: 1%
- **Law**: 1%
- **Other**: 25%
The Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy (CCLA) was established in 2013 to cultivate and develop leaders across all academic departments. The one-year program prepares participants to step into departmental leadership roles to support UH’s strategic plans, specifically recruiting, retaining, and nurturing the leadership of outstanding faculty.

CCLA graduates from four cohorts, 2014-2018

119

24% of CCLA graduates have moved into leadership roles
Provost Short serves as the Director of the Center for ADVANCING UH Faculty Success which, created with a $3.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation, is working to increase the number of women and women-of-color faculty members in STEM/SBS fields, as well as make sure they have opportunities to move into leadership roles.

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Number of Hispanic and African-American Tenured and Tenure Track Faculty

- ADVANCE Center established
- Office of Recruitment, Retention, Equity, and Diversity established
- Mandatory Search Training implemented

Year: 2012 - 2018

- 2012: 100
- 2013: 104
- 2014: 107
- 2015: 114
- 2016: 119
- 2017: 122
- 2018: 133
Provost Short leads the University’s efforts to be a globally recognized institution of higher education by infusing a comprehensive and systemic approach towards globalization within the colleges and centers. Major efforts have been made to integrate the global social, legal, economic, political, and technological dimension across the curriculum.

4 Fulbright Scholarships awarded to UH students, with 2 alternates since 2013

18 Scholar and Specialist Fulbright Scholarships awarded to UH faculty since 2013

23 Gilman Scholarship awardees, 2013-2017
64%  
Increase in International Education Fee Scholarships since 2015

800+  
Students went abroad in 2017

3,843  
International students enrolled at UH in 2017

3,565  
U.S. Passports distributed through Learning Abroad since 2015

63%  
Increase in faculty-led programs abroad since 2013

104  
International strategic partnerships across four continents
The Global Faculty Development Fund was established to further faculty involvement in the globalization process of the university. Funded by Provost Paula Myrick Short, the initiative was designed to increase both the assortment and quality of UH’s global programs by helping faculty to defray the costs of engaging in innovative global activities.
Number of Faculty Awarded

- 2015: 17
- 2016: 30
- 2017: 43

Increase in number of faculty awarded: 153%

Number of countries visited by faculty using the Global Faculty Development Fund: 27

Amount Distributed

- 2015: $25,500
- 2016: $39,055
- 2017: $56,788

Increase in amount distributed: 123%

Average faculty disbursement 2015-2017: $1,348
The University of Houston continues to mark its success against national values, including the number of publications and citations by faculty, the number of postdocs, and the student-to-faculty ratio.

UH Libraries increased in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) rankings by 15 spots over the past five years, from #76 in 2013 to #61 in 2017.

ARL Rankings

2013: 76
2014: 70
2015: 77
2016: 65
2017: 61

Student-to-faculty ratio: 22:1
Number of doctorates awarded
2017-2018
369

Increase in postdocs
2013-2017
32%

Number of postdoctoral appointees
2013-2017
32%

Number of doctorates awarded
2017-2018
369
The University of Houston offers a wide variety of undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs both online and through hybrid, session, and Weekend U options.
60% of undergraduate students took at least one online or hybrid course, spring 2018

▲ 20%
Increase in online semester credit hours (SCH), spring 2017-2018

Undergraduate Students Taking Online Courses, Spring 2018

- 1+ Course: 60%
- 2+ Courses: 30%
- 3+ Courses: 13%
- 4+ Courses: 5%
- 5+ Courses: 1%

Spring Semester Credit Hours Online vs. Hybrid

- 2014: Online 50,408, Hybrid 27,917
- 2015: Online 57,899, Hybrid 30,155
- 2016: Online 62,390, Hybrid 34,167
- 2017: Online 69,533, Hybrid 35,639
- 2018: Online 83,536, Hybrid 35,912
The University of Houston has an outstanding reputation for student success, teaching, research, and innovation. UH has dedicated, internationally-recognized faculty members committed to helping students pursue their path of learning. With 15 academic colleges, an interdisciplinary Honors College, cutting-edge research centers, world-class libraries, and state-of-the-art facilities, Cougars have the learning resources they need to excel.

### COLLEGIATE SUCCESS

### CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Provost Short provides academic and fiscal support for the following centers and institutes:

- Advancing Community Engagement and Service (ACES) Institute
- Data Science Institute
- Inter University Program for Latino Research
- UH Texas Education Research Center
Since becoming Provost in 2013, Dr. Short has overseen the development of three new colleges and schools:

**Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts**

Established in fall 2016, the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts received a $20 million gift endowment from the John P. McGovern Foundation. As a result of this gift, the college became the first college named after a student and after a woman, Kathrine G. McGovern.

**College of Nursing**

Previously a part of the University of Houston-Victoria, the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs under the College of Nursing moved to the University of Houston in 2014 and was reclassified to a college in March of 2017. The College of Nursing has a 100% pass rate for the past three years in its NCLEX-RN licensing examination.

**Hobby School of Public Affairs**

Founded in 2016, the Hobby School of Public Affairs was named for former Texas Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby and expands on the existing educational and research programs of the Center for Public Policy. The school offers a Master’s of Public Policy degree and a dual degree with the Master’s of Social Work.
The University of Houston continues to receive national recognition for the caliber of its educational offerings from leading publications such as *U.S. News and World Report*, the *Princeton Review*, and leading academic and industry publications.
1. Most cited optometry faculty publications:
   - UH College of Optometry
   - National Institutes of Health and UC Berkeley

2. Top 7% Nation’s four-year colleges for giving students a return on investment
   - The Princeton Review

3. Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Awards for UH, UHLC, and College of Nursing
   - INSIGHT Into Diversity

4. #5 Best Online Graduate Education Program
   - U.S. News and World Report 2019

5. #19 Best law school for Hispanic students:
   - UH Law Center

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   - C. T. Bauer College of Business

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Architecture Students Exhibit in Germany for Aedes Architecture Forum

University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design students traveled to Berlin, Germany for the renowned Aedes Architecture Forum to exhibit their innovative designs in “Houston: Genetic City.”

A collaboration between Pritzker Prize-winning architect Thom Mayne and UH, students tackled issues involving Houston’s current energy infrastructure, changing real estate and density, and lack of zoning to present possible solutions for developing the city’s future.

Points of Pride:

WINNER
Claude Reyes
Siemens Student Design Competition 2017

LEADER
Dean Patricia Belton Oliver
featured in Houston CityBook’s “Leaders and Legends”

$5,000
Michael L. Dillion
First Place Winner Bienenstock Competition 2017
University of Houston Moores School of Music (MSM) alumnus Kenny Broberg won silver in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. The Cliburn, which takes place every four years in Fort Worth, has the power to launch the careers of finalists and medalists.

The 23-year-old is the first Moores School of Music graduate to make it to the finals. Broberg practiced four to six hours a day leading up to the Cliburn, which attracts the best of the best young talent worldwide in piano performance. The contestants range in age from 18 to 30. This year, 30 finalists were chosen from the 140 who auditioned. More than 300 pianists applied.
Bauer College’s Cyvia and Melvyn Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship (WCE) is ranked No. 2 in the United States on a list of Top 25 Best Undergrad Programs for Entrepreneurs in 2018 compiled by The Princeton Review and published in Entrepreneur magazine. It has earned a Top 10 ranking for more than a decade.

WCE’s core mission is to make a difference in students’ lives through entrepreneurship. Students who took a major or certificate program through WCE within the past 10 years have created 441 businesses with more than $156 million in funding and a 96 percent survival rate.
UH Wins National Award for ‘Distinguished’ Teacher Education Program

The University of Houston College of Education won national honors in recognition of its first-rate teacher-preparation program.

The Association of Teacher Educators honored the college with its Distinguished Program in Teacher Education Award, which recognizes “outstanding” programs that exemplify collaboration, innovation, and high quality.

“We are incredibly proud of this award, which acknowledges the game-changing work we have done to ensure we graduate teachers who are well prepared for this critically important job,” said Bob McPherson, dean of the UH College of Education.

Points of Pride:

#5 Online Graduate Program  
*U.S. News and World Report 2019*

**TOP 1%** in quality ranking of elementary teacher-prep programs (NCTQ)

**100%** of students matched for counseling and school psychology internships
BRAIN Center Receives $1.5 Million Grant

UH Engineering, Arizona State University, and leading industry professionals have teamed up to launch the Building Reliable Advances and Innovation in Neurotechnology (BRAIN) Center, a collaborative research center. This partnership will bring forth new neurotechnologies and treatments to market that would not be otherwise possible in traditional academic, industry, regulatory, and clinical communities. Funded by a $1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation, electrical and computer engineering professor Jose Luis Contreras-Vidal serves as director of the BRAIN Center.
Million Dollar Donation Forms New Center for Student Success

The repurposed West Wing of the Hilton College is now the Center for Student Success, a “one-stop shop” that includes the offices of recruitment and enrollment, undergraduate academic services, and career development.

Previously, these essential student services were geographically spread throughout the college, making it challenging to navigate. Through institutional reorganization, Provost Short made it possible for the college to reclaim space it had not used since 1989. In 2018, the college received a $1 million gift from the Brooks Family Foundation to fund the Center.

Points of Pride:

**MOST DIVERSE**
Hospitality program in the world

**ONLY**
Hospitality program in the world where students work and take classes in an internationally branded full-service hotel

**91%**
Number of Hilton College students with jobs upon graduation
UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program

The Pre-Law Pipeline Program aims to increase the diversity of law school applicants by providing law school preparatory resources for undergraduate students who are first-generation, low-income or members of groups underrepresented in the legal profession. The participants of this program leave equipped with the tools to handle the demands of the LSAT and their potential law school careers.

The intensive summer preparatory program session helps students develop their best law school application portfolios by helping them craft a personal and diversity statement as well as prepare for the LSAT. The program’s teaching faculty are recognized as leaders in their fields and are well-poised to prepare these graduates for future careers in law. Supported by Provost Paula Myrick Short, the program was established in 2015.

U.S. News and World Report Rankings

**TOP 10**
Healthcare Law since 2009

**TOP 10**
Intellectual Property Law since 2009

**TOP 20**
Part-Time Law since 2010
NSM Faculty Receive Prestigious NSF Early CAREER Awards

Four NSM faculty received prestigious National Science Foundation Early CAREER Awards in 2017 for an approximate total of $2,181,575 in funding: physicist Claudia Ratti, physicist Mini Das, chemist Ding-Shyue (Jerry) Yang, and geochemist Qi Fu. The five-year NSF CAREER awards are granted to promising junior faculty members who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars, and recipients also do educational outreach to promote a better understanding of the STEM fields.

Points of Pride:

13 NSF CAREER Awards awarded to faculty 2013-2017

31% Increase in journal articles published 2013-2017

$7 MILLION Awards from NSF for undergraduate student success programs 2013-2018
College of Nursing Again Recognized for Commitment to Diversity

For the second year in a row, the University of Houston College of Nursing has been recognized nationally for its commitment to diversity and inclusion. INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education, has honored the college with its 2017 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award.

“We are honored by this recognition and proud of our commitment to program excellence for students, the industry, and patients,” said Kathryn Tart, founding dean of the UH College of Nursing. “This builds a critical connection between culturally diverse health care providers and culturally competent patient care.”

The College was one of 16 colleges of nursing nationwide to win the inaugural award in 2016 and one of eight colleges of nursing nationwide to receive the award in 2017.

Points of Pride:

**100%**
First-time pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) 2015, 2016, 2017

**TOP 5%**
Nursing colleges in the nation for passing rate 2015, 2016, 2017

**100%**
Pass rate on the national certification exam for the Family Nurse Practitioner degree 2015, 2016, 2017
See to Succeed Program Serves Record 10,000+ Children

The See to Succeed Program screened a record 10,500 children in 2017-2018. Pat Segu, OD,’92, serves as the program director for See to Succeed and is also the regional director of Houston Community Based External Clinics for UHCO. The See to Succeed program, established in 2011, has transformed vision to thousands of greater Houston students through providing screenings, eye exams, and other vision resources to children who cannot afford access to traditional health care. The program is a partnership between UHCO, San Jacinto College, Berkeley Eye Center, Essilor Foundation & Corporation, Eye Care for Kids, Kids Vision for Life and Walmart.
Pharm.D. Students Provide Thousands of Free Wellness Screenings at Mayor’s Annual Back to School Fest

Dozens of UH College of Pharmacy students helped families from across the Greater Houston area get a healthy start to the new school year at the Houston Mayor’s Back 2 School Fest Aug. 12 at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

At the this year’s event, UHCOP students provided nearly 600 blood pressure and blood glucose screenings as well as body-mass index measurements to adult attendees. In addition, students reviewed the immunization records of nearly 500 children and educated more than 1,100 on a variety of health topics, ranging from safe medication use/poisoning prevention to diabetes and cardiovascular disease and prevention.

NAPLEX Pass Rates for 2017:

In 2017, the University of Houston College of Pharmacy (UHCOP) had the highest passing rate in the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) of the 7 eligible pharmacy programs in Texas.

#1
Highest passing rate in Texas 2017

#3
Highest passing rate in the nation 2017
Inaugural Maconda Brown O’Connor Lecture Features Matthew Desmond

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Matthew Desmond spoke at the inaugural “Speaking of Social Justice, Maconda Brown O’Connor Distinguished Lecture,” hosted by the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work (GCSW).

“Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City” won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize in General Nonfiction for the story of eight American families on the edge. According to the author’s website, the book “transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a devastating, uniquely American problem.”

A sociologist by training, Desmond shared about the research methodology that became the basis for the book.

U.S. News and World Report Rankings

#38 ➔ #24

2016    2018

“Our latest ranking is a testament to everything our faculty, staff, students, and alumni do every day to realize our vision of achieving social, racial, economic, and political justice.”

Alan Dettlaff, dean of the Graduate College of Social Work
Construction Management Senior Achieves Nation’s Highest Score on AIC Exam

For the fourth time in a row, a student enrolled in the construction management program at the University of Houston has earned the highest score in the nation on the rigorous American Institute of Constructors (AIC) exam.

Ethan Jeffcoat, graduate as of May 2017, scored 281 out of 300, or 93.6%. The overall UH passing rate is 78.8%, while the national average is 67%. Ethan’s achievement is especially impressive as he maintained a 4.0 GPA while also working as a service consultant intern at CenterPoint Energy. He is served as the president of the UH Student Chapter of the Officer of the Associated Builders and Contractors and is a member of Sigma Lambda Chi, the international construction honor society. He also minors in Business Administration.

Points of Pride:

61% of alumni live and work in the Houston area, and 72% in Texas

1ST Engineering Technology program in Texas and 4th nationwide

6,400+ Students enrolled 2017

bestengineeringcolleges.com
UH LIBRARIES

Developed the Digital Research Commons which offers hands-on instruction, workshops, and cutting-edge machinery to further the use of digital tools.

In conjunction with Provost Short, Open Textbook Network is utilized to encourage faculty to choose free, open-source textbooks for classes, reducing the financial burden on students.

2,164,407
Visitors to the libraries
2017

4,623,796
Online resource uses
2017

ARL Ranking Increase

UH Libraries increased in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) rankings by 15 spots over the past five years, from #76 in 2013 to #61 in 2017.
HONORS COLLEGE

UH Honors College Among Top 10 in Nation

The UH Honors College was recognized as one of the top 10 public university honors programs in the nation, according to the 2016 edition of *Inside Honors*, based on criteria such as key courses, class size, enrollment, graduation rate, academic support, and student achievement.

With no U.S. News and World Report ranking of honors programs, “Inside Honors” is emerging as a respected, leading resource for these evaluations, having been recognized by the New York Times as “provid[ing] thorough appraisals of individual honors colleges and programs and intelligent thoughts on how they fit into the higher-education landscape.”

Points of Pride:

28%  
Incoming students with SAT scores above 1400 in fall 2016

52%  
of incoming students in the top 10% of their high school class

29  
National Merit Finalists, 2016 incoming class
The University of Houston has 17 deans overseeing the 16 academic colleges and the UH Libraries. Deans are the chief executive officers of their college or school and report to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

Within the Office of the Provost, eight separate academic areas, each with an assistant, associate, or vice provost and the director of communication and marketing, report to Provost Short.

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