Be Bold.
Be Brave.
Be a Patriot.

Mason’s Honors College students harness a passion to discover their own path and achieve remarkable results through hands-on, stimulating learning environments. Honors students experience a unique variation of the Mason Core that prepares them to impact the world. Mason Honors students connect with their advisors and develop lasting relationships with top faculty who propel their research, learning, and experiences forward.

The immersive Living Learning Community provides a supportive atmosphere for all Honors students.
Honors students are offered an engaging alternative to the Mason Core that prepares them to impact the world. They contemplate evidence and multiple perspectives that broaden their understanding and challenge their beliefs. An inquiry-all Honors, accelerated curriculum enables Honors students to pursue double majors and other individual interests.

Ask Difficult Questions.
Solve Complex Problems.

Opportunities available in
• Extended research
• Semester internships
• Study-abroad programs
Eligibility and Important Dates

Honors applications are reviewed holistically, and while academic motivation and preparation are essential, all students with curiosity and drive are encouraged to apply. Admission to the Honors College is competitive and is based on the strength of the overall applicant pool each year.

All Honors College applicants must complete a supplemental essay, located within the general application to the university. Letters of recommendation are strongly encouraged. Notification of Honors College acceptance will be included at time of admission.

Submit the application and essay by November 1 for full consideration for admission to the Honors College and the University Scholars Program. All students who apply by November 1, Mason’s Early Action deadline, will also be considered for merit scholarships.

Applications submitted by January 15, Mason’s Regular Decision deadline, will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

Selected from among the most outstanding students invited to the Honors College, University Scholars are awarded the highest academic distinction Mason offers, including a SCHOLARSHIP AWARD COVERING THE FULL COST OF TUITION OVER 4 YEARS
Research Right Now

Mason is one of only 115 schools in the country to hold the coveted Tier 1 Research University status given by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Our faculty and students prioritize research in subjects of consequence. During the first semester of their freshman year, all Honors students complete an individual research project which prepares them to apply successfully for grants, academic conferences, and research programs at Mason and elsewhere.

Follow Our Distinguished Faculty

Mason’s faculty includes Nobel laureates, Fulbright scholars and Pulitzer Prize winners who are eager to guide the next generation of leaders as they pursue their passions. Faculty involve their students in important work solving medical mysteries, international crime, reducing airline accidents, decreasing community obesity rates and more.

MASON FACULTY MEMBERS LEAD IMPORTANT RESEARCH WITH:

The Institute for Biohealth Innovation
The Institute for a Sustainable Earth
The Institute for Digital InnovAtion
The Center for Adaptive Systems of Brain-Body Interaction
The Quantum Materials Center
The Criminal Investigations and Network Analysis Center
Honors College students have the distinct advantage of developing close-knit relationships with each other and with senior faculty leaders. The essential requirement is a desire to chase goals.

Honors students benefit from:

1. Small, seminar-style classes capped at 25 students
2. Priority class registration
3. Individualized academic advising
4. Student Support Coordinator
5. Office of Fellowships
6. Mentorship opportunities and classes taught by pre-eminent experts in their fields
7. Housing within the Honors College Living Learning Community
8. Access to Honors College Lounge
IMPACT THE WORLD