

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

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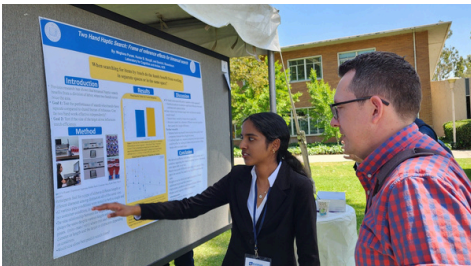
MISSION STATEMENT

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**



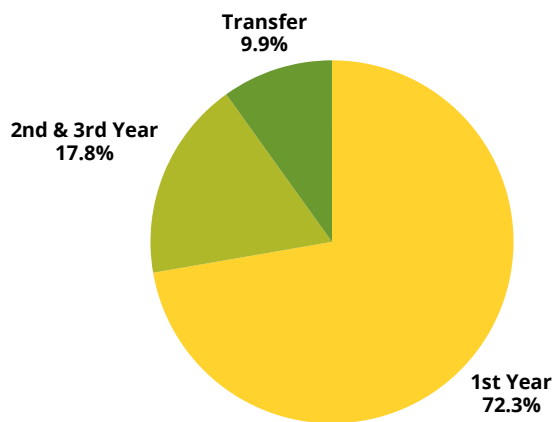
**CELEBRATING DIVERSITY &
GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP**

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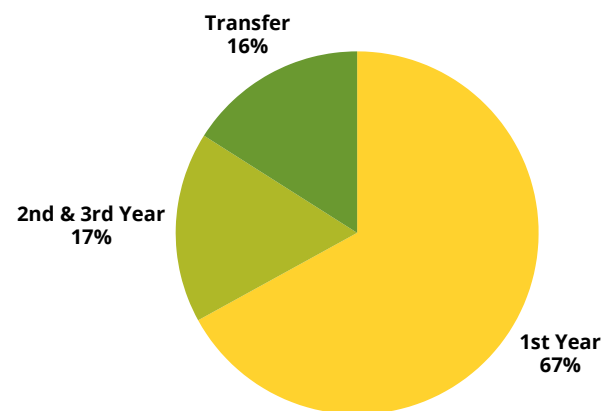
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Fall 2023 Admissions

Applicants



Admits



Statement of Intent to Register



Grade Point Average at Admission

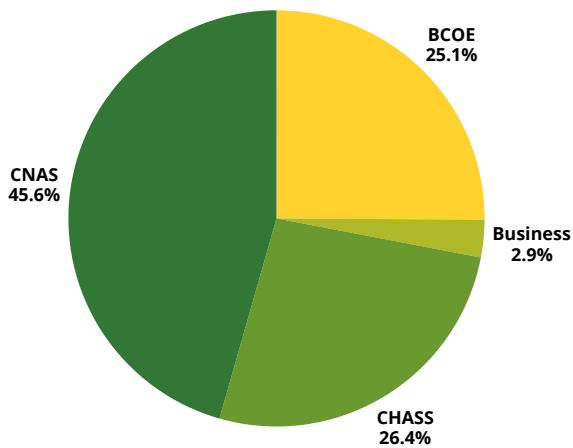


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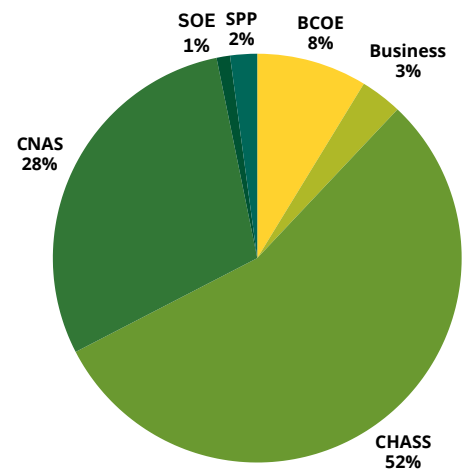
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College & School Distribution

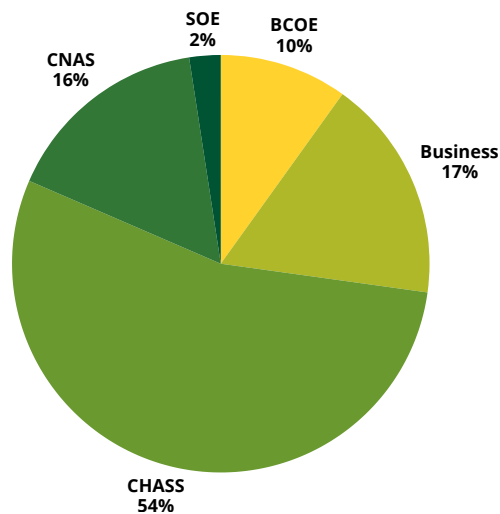
First-Year



Second-Year & Third Year



Transfers



Scholarships

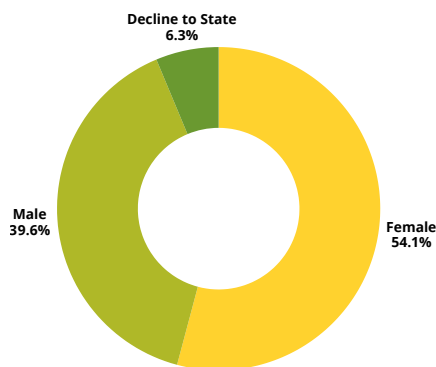
| | Regent's Scholars | Chancellor's Scholars | Achievement Scholars |
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| First-Years | 11 | 4 | 1 |
| Second-Year & Third-Year | 3 | 0 | 0 |

Statistics

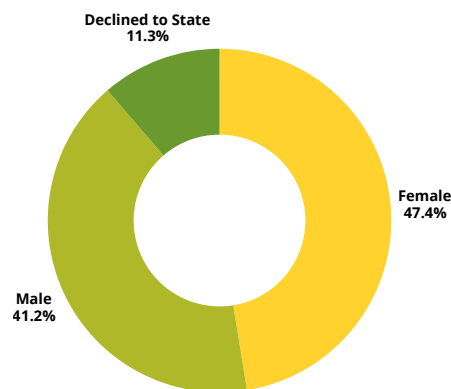
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Gender

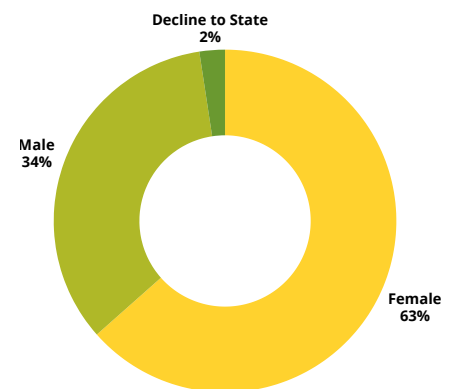
First-Year



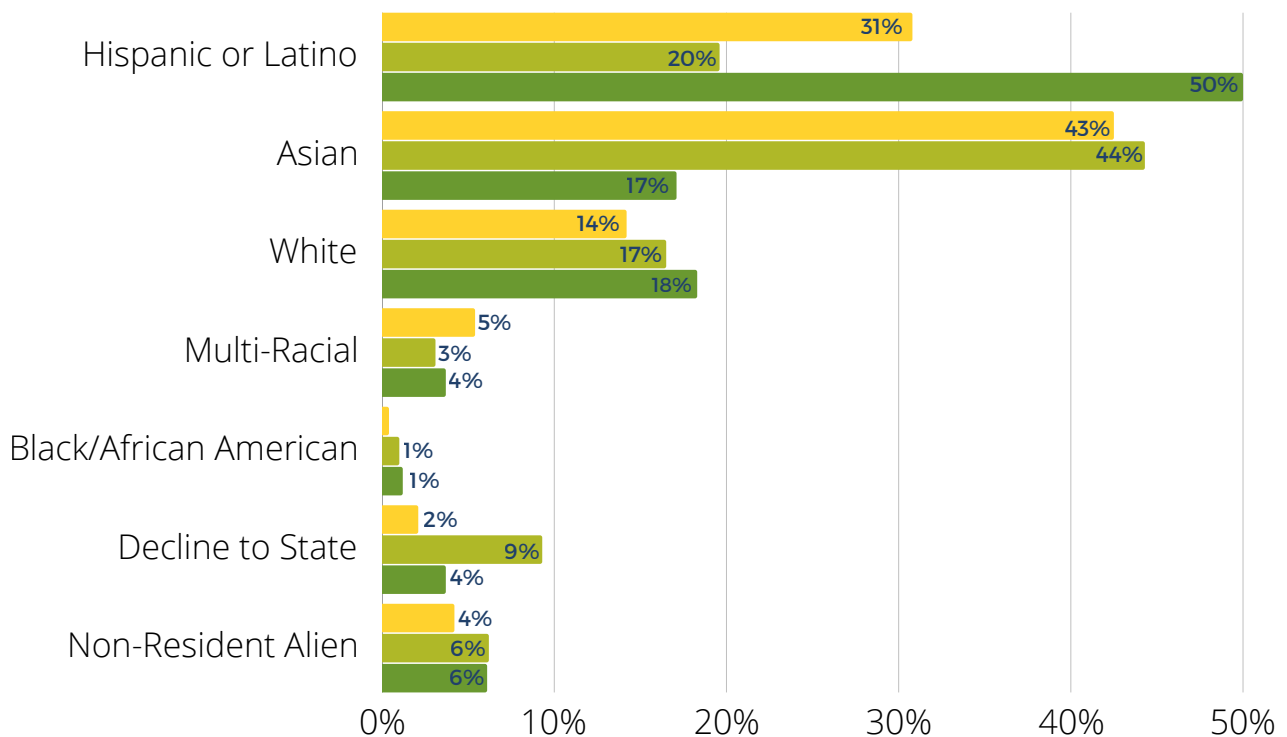
Second-Year & Third Year



Transfers



Ethnicity



First-Year



Second-Year & Third Year



Transfer

Statistics

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First Generation & Low Income

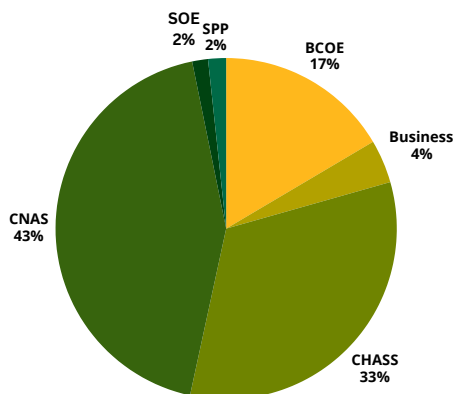
| | First-Generation | Low-Income | First-Generation & Low-Income |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| First-Years | 28% | 19% | 13% |
| Second-Year & Third-Year | 23% | 14% | 9% |
| Transfers | 65% | 43% | 35% |

Fall 2023 Continuing Students Statistics

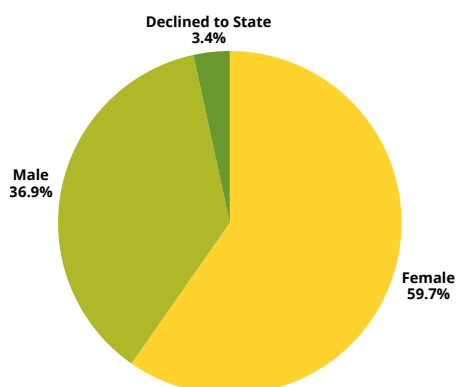
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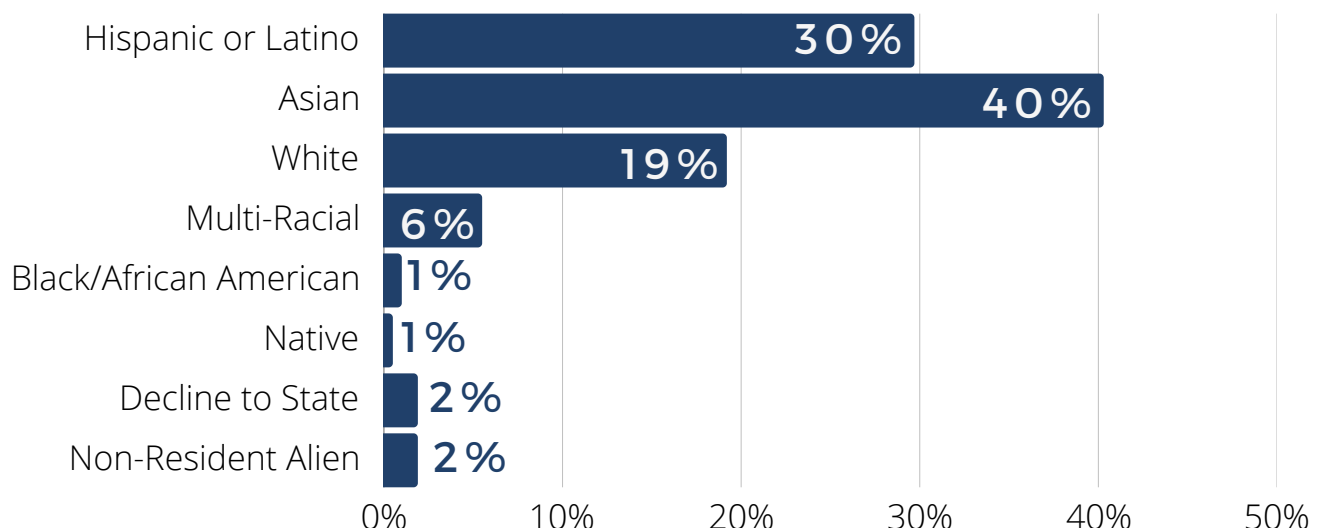
College & School Distribution



Gender



Ethnicity



Grade Point Average

3.67

First-Generation

26%

Low-Income

18%

First-Generation & Low Income

12%

Scholarships

Regents' Scholars

3

Chancellor's Scholars

5

Achievement Scholars

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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



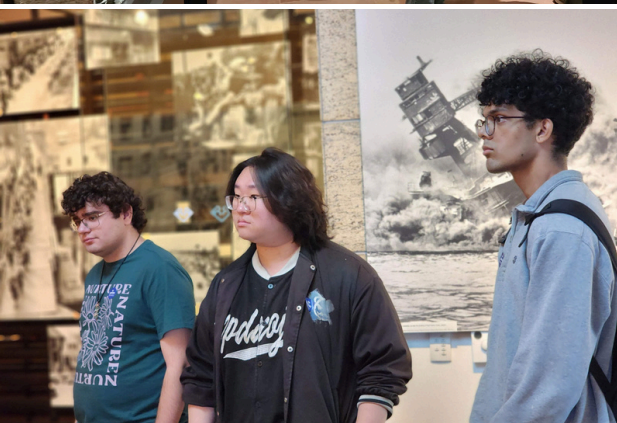
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FACULTY IN RESIDENCE
PENTLAND HILLS



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

- Riverside Sundial & Norton Simon Museum
- Botanic Gardens Tour
- Little Tokyo & Japanese American National Museum

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COURSES

Course Enrollment

Fall: 765
Winter: 490
Spring: 460

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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

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| Faculty-Mentor(s) | Graduates with Highest Distinction |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Mentor: Kathrin Ford | Jaelen Fields |
| Capstone: Power Has Placed Us | |
| Mentor: Denver Graninger | Melita Kyritsi-Loper |
| Capstone: Swords and the City: Social Funerary Archaeology and the disappearance of the "Warrior Grave" in 8th "WARRIOR GRAVE" IN 8th c. BCE Athens | |
| Mentor: Rebecca Kugel | Sarah Ochoa |
| Capstone: The Evolution of Educational Opportunities of Native Peoples | |
| Faculty-Mentor(s) | Graduates with High Distinction |
| Mentor: Prue Talbot | Sara Abiani |
| Capstone Title: The Effect of Air-Liquid-Interface Exposure of Human 3-D Bronchial Epithelium to Electronic Cigarette Aerosols: A Proteomic Analysis | |
| Mentor: Alejandra Dubcovsky | Dallys Cobian |
| Capstone Title: The Cost of Becoming a Nun: Dowries, Class, and Gender in Colonial Mexico | |
| Mentor: Sang-Hee Lee | Josh Harnett |
| Capstone Title: The Role of Environment in the Evolution of Cranial Capacity in Humans | |
| Mentor: Jimmy Calanchini | Mindy Hoang |
| Capstone Title: Social Perceptions of Fashion | |

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Faculty-Mentor(s)

Graduates with High Distinction

Mentor: Richard Cardullo

Evelyn Homan

Capstone Title: Democratize Publishing: 21st Century Reading Practices and their Potential to Uplift the Independent Publishing House

Mentor: Amy Kroska

Tamara Sezer

Capstone Title: Perceptions of Positive Deviance: Exploring the Effects of Gender and Emotional Expression

Mentor: Sachiko Yamanaka

Avery Morse

Capstone Title: The Role of OATPs in Mammalian Steroid Hormone Transport

Mentor: Daniel Novak

Fatima Mushtaq

Capstone Title: Evaluating Innovative Approaches to Engaging Students in Learning About Black Maternal Mortality Rate

Mentor: Yasemin Irepoglu Carreras

Emily Nguyen

Capstone Title: Cross-Comparing OECD Countries on Carbon Emission Policy Implementation Gap

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



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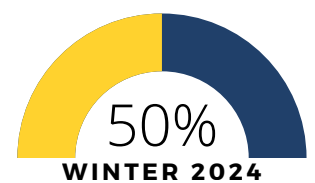
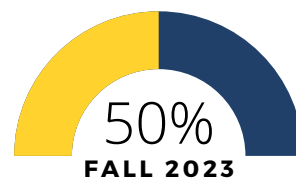
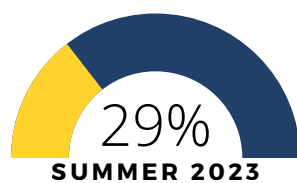
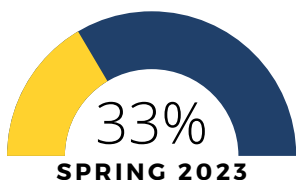
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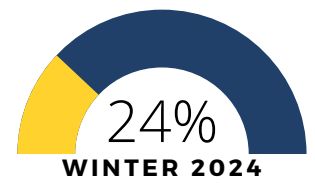
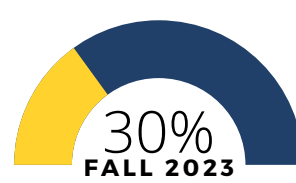
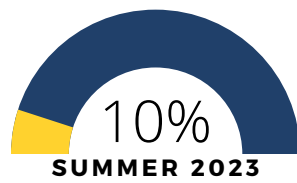
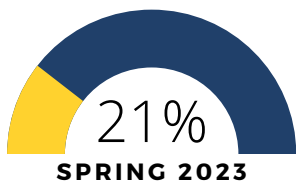
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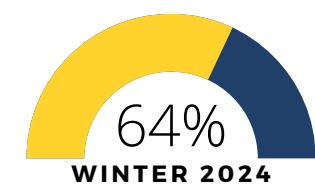
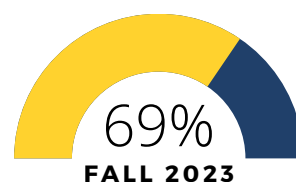
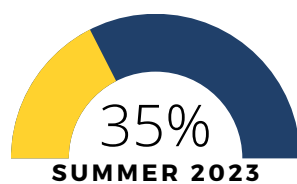
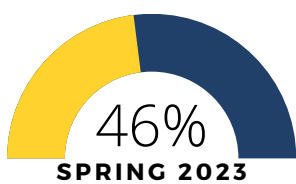
Research, Creative Activity, Scholarly Work



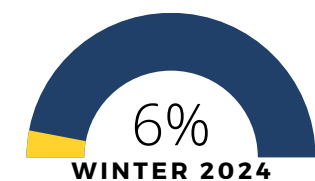
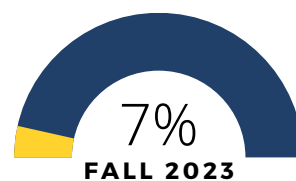
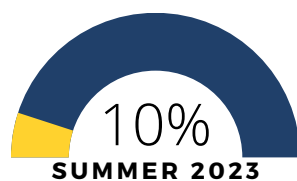
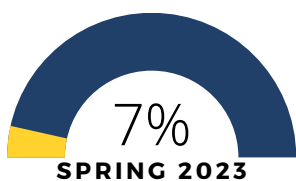
Scholarship Recipient



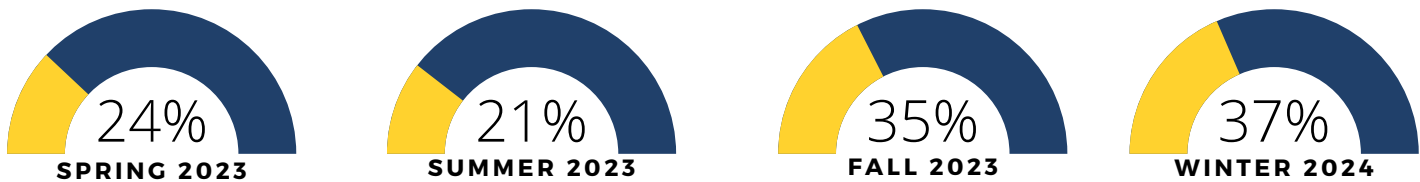
Member of On-Campus or Off-Campus Organization



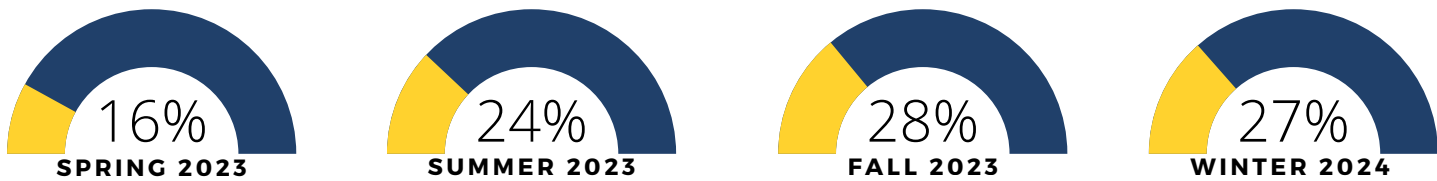
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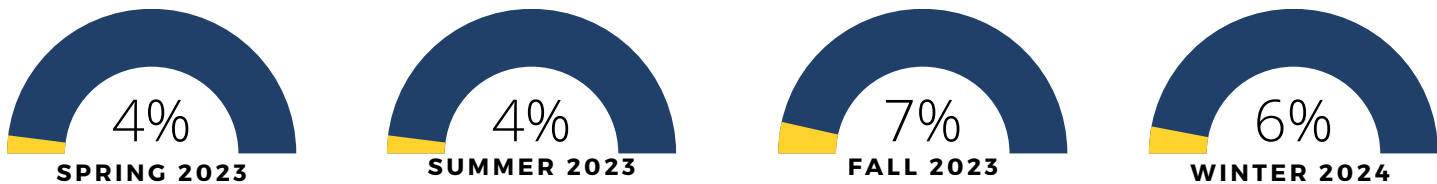
Leader of On-Campus or Off-Campus Organization



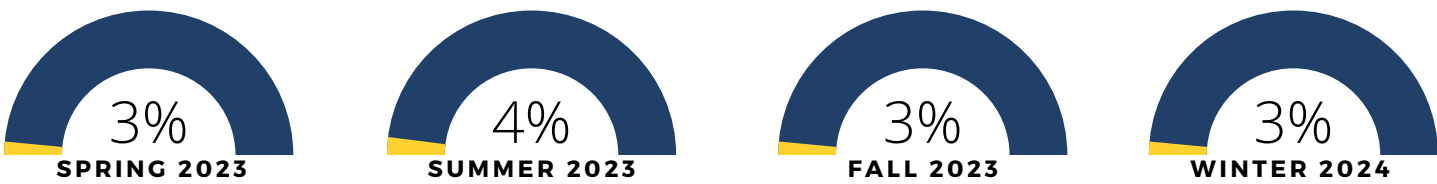
Part-Time Job or Paid Internship



Fellowship Recipient



Presenter at Discipline-Specific Conference



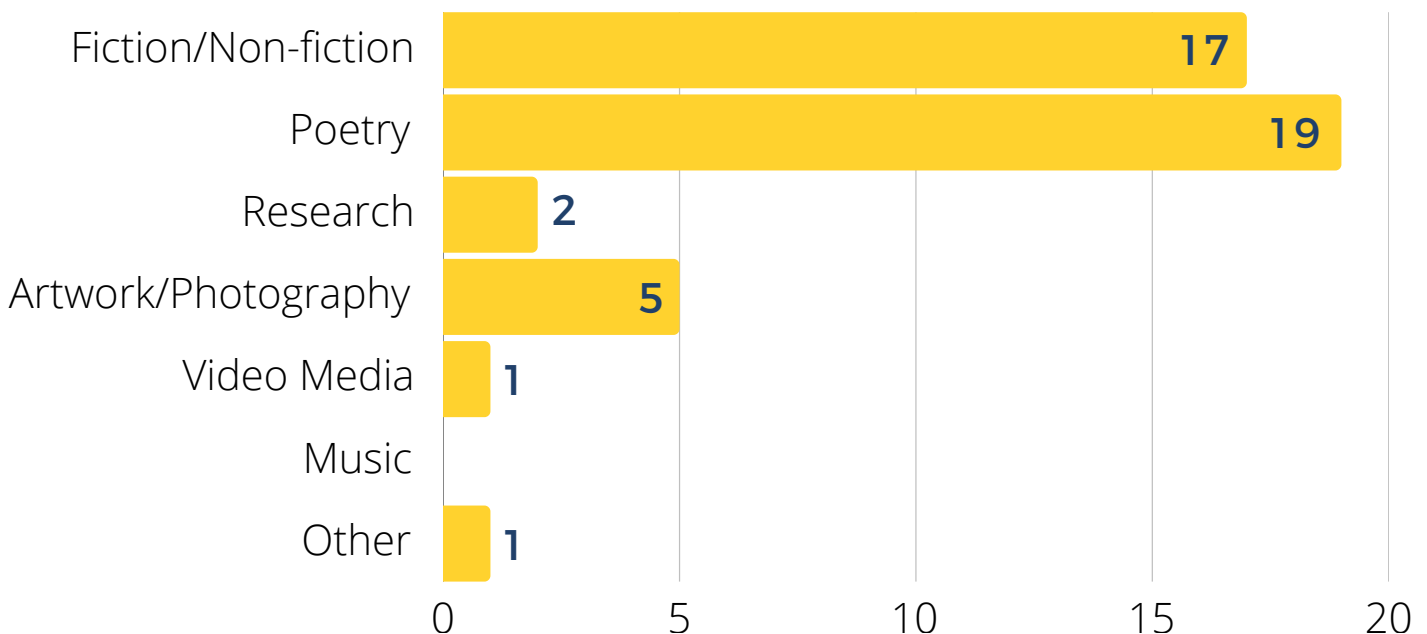
Member of an Honors Society



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]

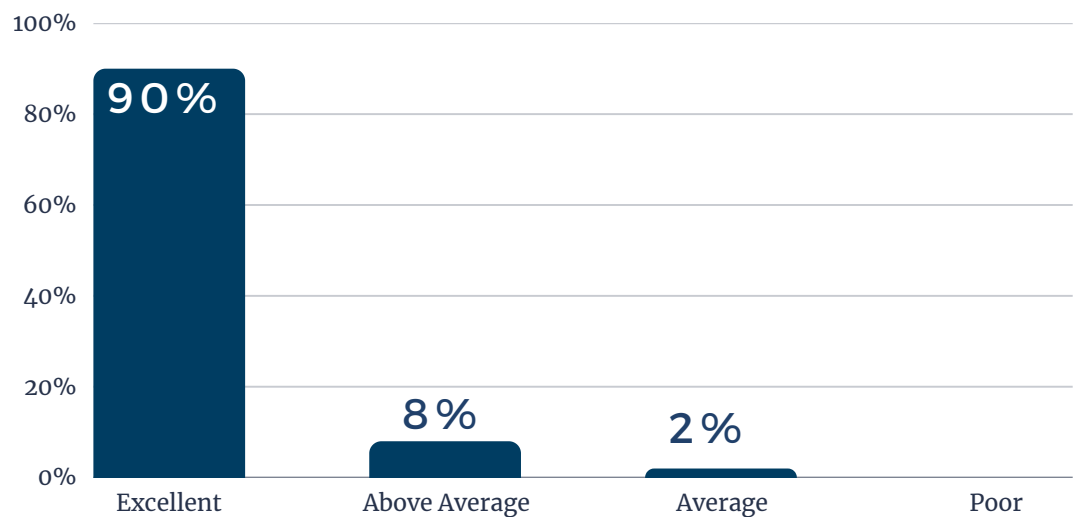
Ambassador Program

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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



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Number of Ambassadors

18

Ambassador Workshops

5

Ambassador Events

126

Hangouts Offered
Students Per Hangout: 4

214

Students Mentored



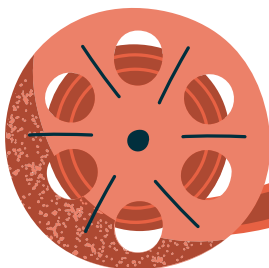
1,347

FACEBOOK LIKES



1807

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



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VIDEO POSTS



373

TWITTER FOLLOWERS



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Graduate Statistics

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University Honors Cording Ceremony



Capstone Project Submissions



SUMMER 2023



FALL 2023

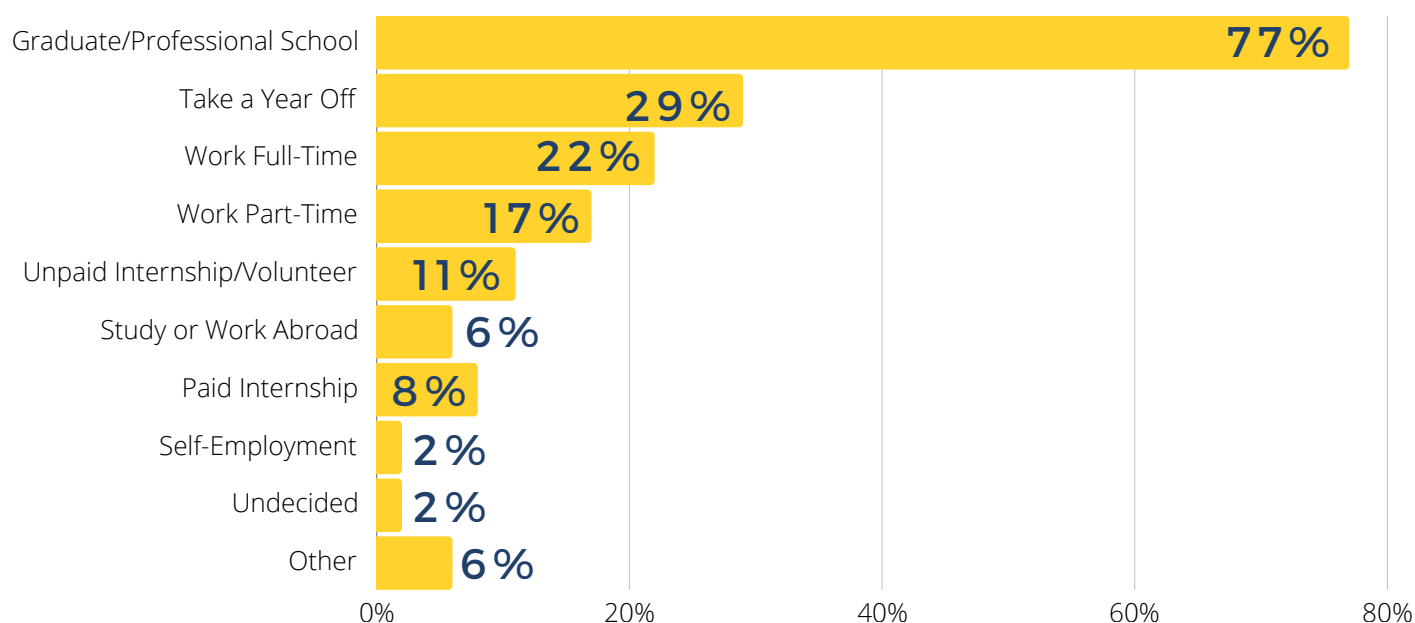


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SPRING 2024

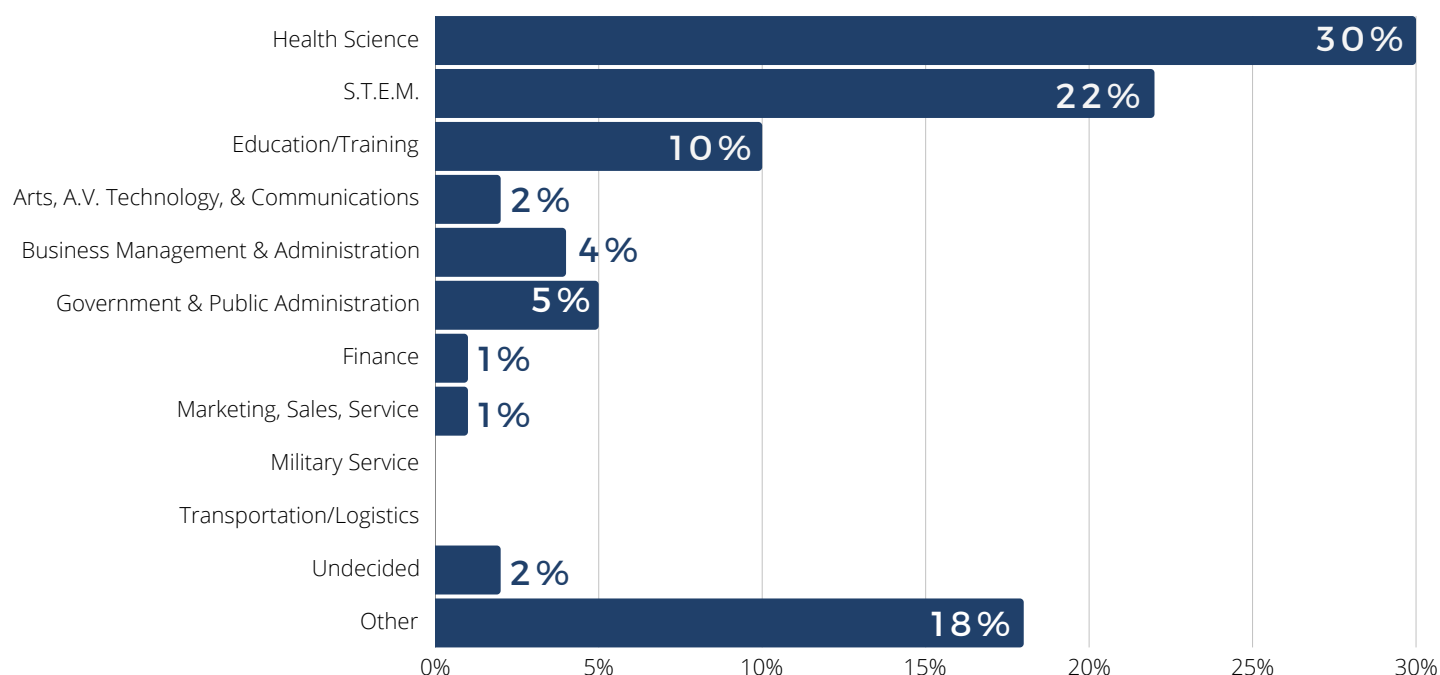
Post-Graduation Plans



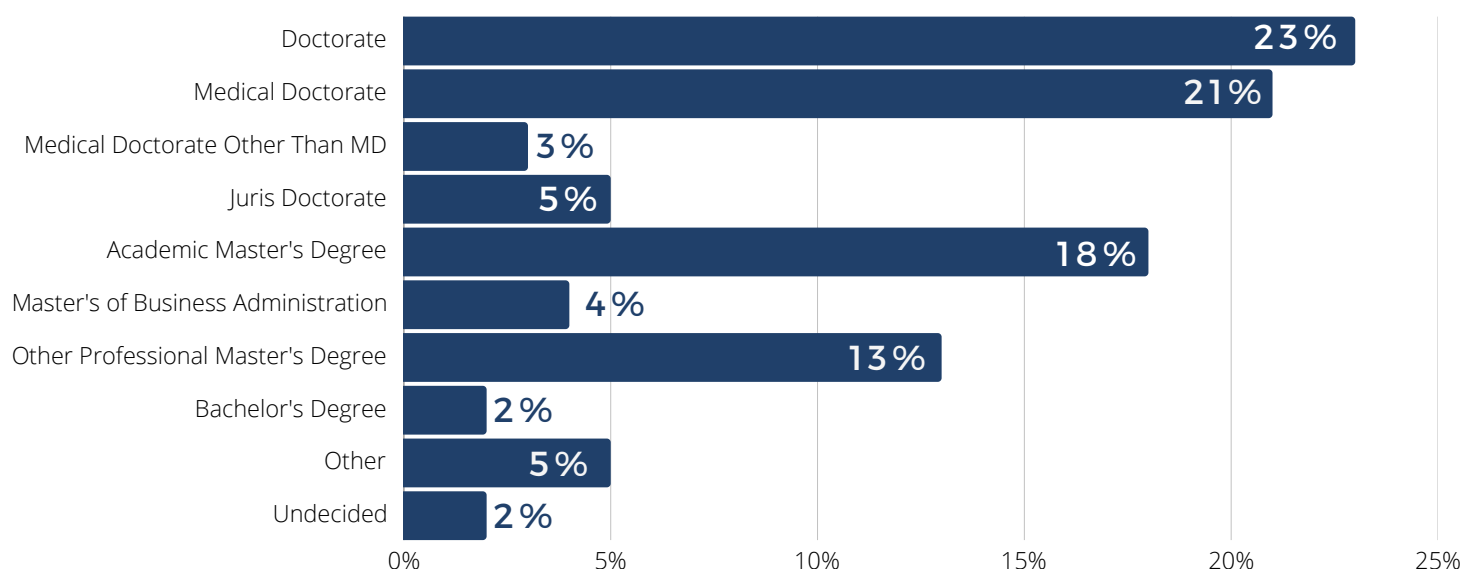
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Career Aspirations



Highest Academic Degree Planned



Student Profiles

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Michelle Gray

2023-2024 University Honors Valedictorian
Political Science

Michelle is completing her B.A. in Political Science and Gender and Sexuality Studies and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. During her time at UCR, she worked as a lead researcher where she enhanced her skills in ethnographic research and ability to engage in studies centering queer and feminist theory.

"I plan to apply to graduate or law school and pursue a career in government and public administration."



Erik Hakopian

2023-2024 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient
Neuroscience

Erik is completing his B.S. in Neuroscience where he is focused on research. He worked as a Undergraduate Research Fellow through UC LEADS where he studied schizophrenia effect on brain functional connectivity via functional ultrasound imaging (fUSI) in rodents. He is passionate about research and created a Discord server that connected over 100 people to research opportunities.

"I plan to apply to a doctorate program and pursue a career in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics. "



Emily Nguyen

2023-2024 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient
Political Science/Public Service

Emily is completing her B.A. in Political Science/ Public Service and her minor in Dance. Emily worked as a student assistant at the LGBT Resource Center where she advocated for mislabeled gender-inclusive bathrooms on the UCR online map to be resolved by meeting with ASUCR. Emily also participated in an internship through UCR's UCDC program where she focused on environmental sustainability and social equity.

"I plan to apply to graduate school and pursue a master's degree. "



Marcos Reyes

2023-2024 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient
Neuroscience

Marcos is completing his B.S. in Neuroscience and has served as a University Honors Ambassador. Marcos worked as a clinic manager for Coachella Valley Free Clinic, where he ensured that the medical care that patients receive is inclusive to them and their culture. Marcos also helped create medical Spanish training for all undergraduate volunteers so they could interact with the predominantly Latino community in Coachella Valley.

"I have been admitted to the UCR School of Medicine and I plan to pursue a career as a medical doctor. "



Adrianni Silvano

2023-2024 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient

Adrianni is completing his B.A. in Political Science and has shown his passion for civic engagement and public service. Adrianni became a philanthropic coordinator for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Inland Empire, raising thousands of dollars over three years for blood cancer research. Adrianni also participated in the UCDC Program where he worked as a Policy Intern for the United States Agency for Intl. Development (USAID) where he was able to play a small role in shaping a more equitable and sustainable world.

"I have been admitted to the University of San Francisco School of Law and plan to pursue a legal career."



University Honors Team Members

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