HONORS OPPORTUNITIES

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
Find your intellectual home at Florida Atlantic University and discover a culture of research, scholarship and creative activity. FAU is dedicated to providing an enriched academic experience by engaging students in research and inquiry across a variety of academic areas.

With this expanded commitment to undergraduate research and scholarly inquiry, our honors programs provide opportunities for students to collaborate with our expert faculty and engage in the excitement of exploring new ideas, solving cutting-edge problems and thinking creatively. FAU honors opportunities prepare students for the workforce of the future.

For academically exceptional students, we provide four opportunities:

- The University Honors Program: for lower-division honors students located on the Boca Raton campus
- The Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College: for lower- and upper-division honors students located on the Jupiter campus—40 miles north of Boca Raton
- Honors in the Majors programs: for upper-division honors students located within our colleges
- The Wilkes Medical Scholars Program: an early admission program into Medical School for qualified high school seniors

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

FAU BOCA RATON

An exciting and challenging experience, the program is designed to provide students with exceptional and rewarding learning opportunities through special Honors Seminars, the University Honors SLS 1501 - Introduction to Academic Life, honors sections of freshman courses and the option of taking more advanced courses to substitute for first-year required courses. The advantages of the University Honors Program include small class sizes, close contact with many of the University’s top-ranked faculty as well as special advising and registration. The program is an excellent beginning for a distinguished academic career in post-baccalaureate studies, professional studies or the pursuit of excellence in your career path. Learn more by visiting www.fau.edu/honorsboca

HONORS LEARNING COMMUNITY

By joining the Honors Learning Community, incoming freshmen have the opportunity to take courses with other Honors students with similar academic goals and interests on the Boca Raton campus. This is the perfect place to begin exploring the many ways you can enrich your educational experience through research and study abroad opportunities. Enjoy learning with your classmates as you participate in community service projects and explore the Boca Raton and South Florida community together.
THE HARRIET L. WILKES HONORS COLLEGE

FAU JUPITER
The Honors College provides a unique living/learning environment for students who are highly motivated and want the challenge of taking every course in their college program at the honors level. Located in Jupiter, it is a small, selective, residential college where students support one another in their academic pursuits and goals. The opportunity to encounter innovative ideas and diverse perspectives is just one of the distinctions found in the Honors College experience. Merit based scholarships are offered to every admitted student. Learn more by visiting www.honorscollege.fau.edu

HONORS IN THE MAJORS PROGRAMS

Honors in the Majors programs are open to all qualified upper-division students. These honors programs are offered in select departments within each of the colleges, and are designed to help students to discover the wonders of their discipline by working with faculty members on a research, creative or scholarly project.

The following lists all current Honors in the Majors programs. Specific information about each of the following programs can be found at www.fau.edu/admissions/honorsmajors

The College of Business:
• Accounting Honors Program – Students complete the BBA with honors and may earn early admission to graduate programs in accounting.

The College of Engineering and Computer Science:
• Innovation Leadership Honors Program – Students gain invaluable practical experience and access to industry leaders.

The Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters – The college has honors programs in several majors:
• Communications
• English
• History
• Languages, linguistics and comparative literature
• Music
• Political science

The Charles E. Schmidt College of Science – Students engage in original undergraduate research projects mentored by distinguished faculty and write and publish an honors thesis which serves as the capstone project of their undergraduate career. The college has honors programs in several majors:
• Biology
• Geography
• Mathematics
• Psychology
• Physics

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION - The college has an honors program in:
• Exceptional Student Education
WILKES MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This is an early admission program into Medical School for qualified high school seniors. Students will receive their bachelor’s degree and the M.D. degree in seven or eight years. Admission is open to highly qualified high school seniors who strongly desire to pursue medicine as a career. The program currently is limited to Florida residents. Learn more by visiting www.fau.edu/divdept/honcol/admissions_med.htm

HONORS SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

Students have the opportunity to get involved on campus by joining one of the 300 student organizations. Student organizations at FAU include honors, academic, special interest and student government programs like:

- Golden Key International Honor Society
- FAU Pre-Law Society
- Accounting Students Association
- Omicron Delta Kappa
- Phi Kappa Phi

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AT FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Few activities are as rewarding as research. In addition to the acquisition of invaluable research skills, students learn how knowledge is created and how that knowledge can be overturned with new evidence or new perspectives. They also learn how to work independently, how to overcome obstacles, and the importance of ethics and personal conduct in the research process. Undergraduate research takes place in every discipline — not only the life sciences and physical sciences but the humanities, social sciences, and creative and performing arts.

Florida Atlantic University supports undergraduate research through:

- **Undergraduate Research Grants**
  Any full-time, continuing, undergraduate student at Florida Atlantic University with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who is engaged in research or creative activity under the mentorship of a faculty member may apply for a grant of up to $600 to support their work. The research or creative activity conducted by the student generally takes the form of directed research, independent study, or work on an honors thesis under the direct supervision of a faculty member, rather than work conducted to fulfill regular course or seminar requirements.

- **Undergraduate Research Symposium**
  Students engaged in undergraduate research may present their findings either through a poster presentation or an oral presentation during the Undergraduate Research Symposium.

For more information about undergraduate research opportunities, visit www.fau.edu/deanugstudies
Florida Atlantic University Undergraduate Research Journal (FAURJ)
The FAURJ is an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal established by the Council for Scholarship and Inquiry. The FAURJ will afford undergraduate students the opportunity to convert research and creative projects into publishable, scholarly papers. The goals of the FAURJ are to showcase high-quality undergraduate research, provide students a better understanding of research and publishing standards, and promote inquiry-based activities at FAU.

APPLICATION PROCESS
An invitation to join either the University Honors Program or the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College may be offered upon admission. We encourage students to apply to one or both of the programs if they do not receive an invitation. A supplemental application and resume are required.

Most of the students who are accepted into these honors programs will have a composite SAT score of 1800 or higher with all 3 sections (26 or higher on the ACT) and a high school grade point average of at least 3.8, but all applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Application information can be found at www.fau.edu/admissions/honors

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