



CHARLESTON FELLOWS PROGRAM



SCHOLARSHIPS FACILITATE THE RECRUITMENT

and retention of highly engaged, intelligent and diverse students from across the world to the Honors College. These top students set the intellectual standard and increase the national recognition of the College of Charleston as a whole. In fact, Honors College students add 20 points to the overall freshman class SAT score and outpace the general student body in both first-year retention and four-year graduation rates.

A continued investment in merit scholarships, the Charleston Fellows Program and a new focus on programming and enrichment activities will heighten the Honors College's offerings, create more scholarship opportunities and contribute to the College's national distinction and reputation.

GOAL

\$3,500,000

A robust scholarship enrichment program – from financial assistance and awards to study abroad and undergraduate research experiences – ensures the Honors College continues an upward trajectory.



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The number of freshmen entering the Honors College has increased significantly over the past three years. Honors College students now make up approximately ~8.2% of all undergraduate students, and the Honors College has the capacity to increase even further and approximate the industry standard of 10% of the overall student body. Building the endowment for the Charleston Fellows Program will enable the Honors College to continue to recruit and retain more high-achieving students.

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Goal: \$1,000,000

Adding a minimum of \$1,000,000 to the endowed scholarship offerings will help yield the most academically gifted students interested in the College. It will position the Honors College to recruit students from across all socioeconomic backgrounds and academic areas of interest, further helping to diversify the student body at large.

- The Honors College has seen a growth in enrollment with the increase in scholarship dollars that was achieved through the BOUNDLESS campaign that concluded in 2016
- In the 2017–2018 academic year, the institutional merit scholarship model was revised to enhance the average offer and guarantee that all Honors College students receive a merit scholarship
- The Honors College was selected as a high-ranking program by Inside Honors 2020–2021: Ratings and Reviews of 40 Top Public University Honors Programs

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMING AND ENRICHMENT

Goal: \$2,500,000

Both immediate-use and endowed funding are needed to support the programming necessary to make the Honors College's merit scholarship offerings more competitive. Funds will support specialized advising, faculty-mentored research, study abroad experiences, guest lectures, professional development and student conferences, along with other enrichment opportunities so that our Honors students have the most comprehensive, rewarding experience possible.

Investing in Honors College students will enhance the overall metrics of the institution and will set up the students for even greater success.

Relative to the student population, Honors College students:

- Have a higher retention rate (~90% vs. ~78%)
- Have a higher four-year graduation rate (~84% vs. 53%)

The Honors College Class of 2020:

- 100% of students participated in local community service
- 49% presented at a professional or academic conference; 24% published their research
- 86% participated in an internship and/or relevant professional experience
- 31% enrolled directly in a graduate or professional school; 41% had a job offer upon graduation

National Recognition:

- For the 2019–2020 class year, a record five CofC students received Fulbright awards, four of whom were Honors College students/alumni
- In fall 2019, an Honors College student was the first Rhodes finalist since the early 1900s

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