OUR MISSION

Our mission at the Philadelphia University Honors Institute at Jefferson is to offer a platform for students to discover and pursue academic interests within an intellectually dynamic and socially vibrant community.

WHAT WE DO

The Philadelphia University Honors Institute at Jefferson provides academically talented, driven and intellectually curious students substantive experiences in professional and multi-disciplinary tracks. The Philadelphia University Honors Institute at Jefferson assures direct and meaningful contact with faculty, outstanding peers and industry leaders. In addition to advising from top scholars, Honors students receive guidance about prestigious post-graduate scholarship opportunities. Honors courses focus on elevating writing, presentation and overall communication skills, while providing a student-centered experience that promotes experimentation and innovation in teaching, learning and scholarship. It brings together students from different majors to build peer groups that deepen intellectual engagement with faculty and advance collaborative, innovative and professional pursuits.

ADMISSIONS

Honors students are selected in one of two ways:

1. At time of admission: During the application process, some students emerge as clear Honors candidates based upon a comprehensive review of the materials. Factors considered include academic achievements, such as high school coursework, cumulative grade point average and standardized test scores, as well as demonstrated accomplishments outside of the classroom. Selected students are notified of their acceptance into Honors at the same time they receive their acceptance to the University.

2. By Honors Application: Any applicant who believes they would make a strong candidate for Honors can apply to the program using the Honors application. Applicants should apply as soon as the application is available through University Admissions.

*Good academic standing is required to remain in the Honors Institute.

BENEFITS

- Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship
- Field trips and networking opportunities embedded in your major
- Honors courses in general education
- Honors housing
- Special programming and events
- Dedicated advising
- Preferred course registration
- Travel awards for study abroad
- NE Regional Honors Conference participation
- Guidance on fellowships/internships/research experiences
- Access to a network of scholars, practitioners, and industry leaders
- Accelerated advanced degree options
- Leadership development opportunities