

# National Merit Scholars Program



**The National Merit Scholars Program** at The University of Texas at Dallas combines a specially designed set of intellectual and cultural opportunities with generous financial support. Located in the Honors College, the program works closely with each of the eight schools at UT Dallas to promote academic achievement and to celebrate scholarly success.

UT Dallas' National Merit Scholars enjoy academic support and exceptional opportunities. Scholars are eligible for inclusion in the prestigious Collegium V Honors Program which provides access to small class sizes and some of the University's top faculty members. Scholars have the opportunity to participate in the Honors Roundtable Series, a set of small-group, discipline-specific discussions led by UT Dallas faculty members or guest lecturers. Beyond the classroom, National Merit Scholars enjoy attending a wide variety of entertainment activities such as the Dallas opera, the symphony and multiple theaters and museums. Tickets for these events are provided by the University's Thomsen Fund for Student Enrichment. Scholars also receive academic and career mentoring and have frequent access to the Office of Distinguished Scholarships to support applications for competitive national awards such as Fulbright, Goldwater, and Critical Language Scholarships.

UT Dallas' commitment to recruiting the top academic applicants in the country through the National Merit Scholars Program includes a highly competitive award that is among the most generous in the nation.





## Estimated Value of National Merit Finalist Scholarship at UT Dallas:

	In-State Scholars	Out-of-State Scholars
▶ Full coverage of UT Dallas tuition and fees for eight semesters	<b>\$48,000</b>	<b>\$134,000</b>
▶ <b>\$4,000</b> per semester cash stipend to defray the cost of books, supplies, and other expenses	<b>\$32,000</b>	<b>\$32,000</b>
▶ Approximately <b>\$3,000*</b> NMSC Scholarship	<b>\$3,000*</b>	<b>\$3,000*</b>
▶ Up to <b>\$6,000</b> for international study abroad	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
▶ <b>\$1,500</b> on-campus housing stipend per semester	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Total Estimated Value</b>	<b>\$101,000**</b>	<b>\$187,000**</b>

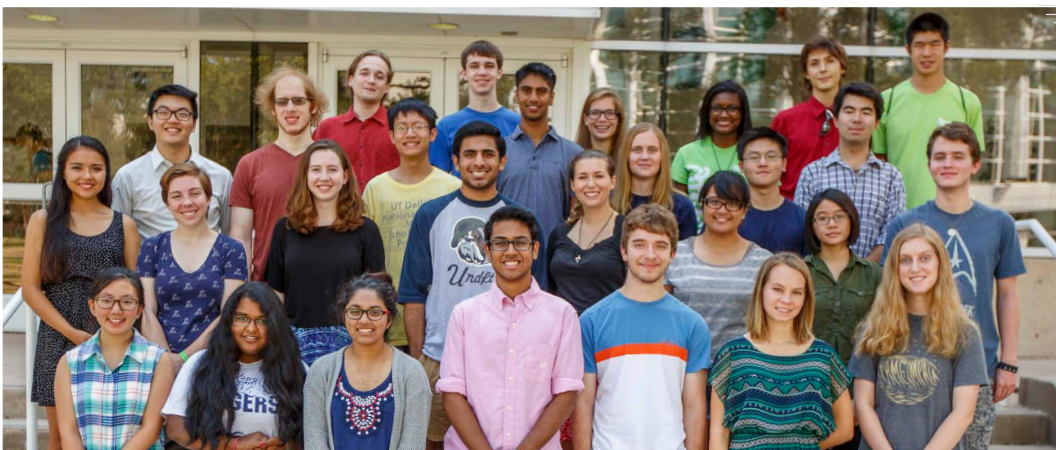
\*NMSC Scholarship amount will vary depending upon the sponsor of the individual's award.

\*\*All award amounts are estimates of coverage based on maximum eligibility and usage, and do not constitute an official scholarship offer. Individual scholarship offers will be mailed directly to awardees after confirmation that UT Dallas has been selected as the applicant's first choice school.

### Eligibility

Applicant must be recognized as a National Merit Finalist by NMSC.

UT Dallas must be listed as first choice with NMSC by the NMSC stated deadline.





# Higher Honors

The Honors College is dedicated to promoting excellence in undergraduate education. Through the support of the Honors College programs, students receive personal mentoring, enjoy greater access to faculty, attend small class sizes in a broad range of designated honors courses and relax and study in honors student lounges.

Honors College and affiliated programs:

## Four-Year Interdisciplinary Programs

- Collegium V
- National Merit Scholars
- McDermott Scholars
- Terry Scholars

## Other Honors Program Opportunities

- Computing Scholars
- Davidson Management Honors Program

## Internships, Fellowships and Professional Development Programs

- Archer Fellowships in Washington D.C.
- Distinguished Scholars
- Green Fellowship at UT Southwestern Medical Center
- Texas Legislative Internship Program

## Professional Programs

- Health Professionals Advising Center
- Pre-Law Advising and Resource Advocacy Teams
- UTDesign

## Competitions (open to all majors)

- Business Idea Competition
- Chess (nationally ranked)
- Debate
- Mediation
- Mock Trial
- Model UN
- Moot Court

To learn more about these programs and other experiences in the Honors College, visit our website at [honors.utdallas.edu](https://honors.utdallas.edu).



## National Merit Process — Senior Year

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Contact UT Dallas to find out about visit opportunities.

Check to see if you are a Semifinalist.

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Plan your campus visit.

Find out if you're a Finalist.

Corporate and National Award Winners notified.\*\*

\*\* Find out if you're eligible to be a corporate recipient at [nationalmerit.org](http://nationalmerit.org), click "Sponsorship".





### OCTOBER

File for FAFSA  
at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).  
Priority deadline for  
fall is March 15.  
UT Dallas FAFSA code:  
**009741.**

### NOVEMBER

Apply to UT Dallas  
at [applytexas.org](https://applytexas.org).

### DECEMBER

Send your  
SAT score  
to NMSC by  
December test  
date deadline.

### APRIL

Designate  
UT Dallas as your  
“School of Choice”  
by April 30 in order  
to receive a college  
sponsorship at  
[osa.nationalmerit.org](https://osa.nationalmerit.org).

### MAY

College Sponsor  
Award letters mailed  
on May 1 to  
Finalist recipients.

### JUNE





## Visit Our Campus

Your custom campus tour will feature meetings with faculty related to your academic field, members of the Honors College and current honors students. You will also visit honors housing, tour campus and have lunch in our new dining facilities. The best time to visit is during the week when classes are in session. To schedule a tour, contact us a week in advance of the preferred tour date by calling the National Merit Scholars Program at **972-883-2270** or by emailing **[nationalmerit@utdallas.edu](mailto:nationalmerit@utdallas.edu)**.

Take a virtual tour at **[utdallas.edu/virtualtour](http://utdallas.edu/virtualtour)** and create your own customized guide at **[utdallas.edu/guide](http://utdallas.edu/guide)**.

