

## Academic Partnership Agreement between the Honors Transfer Council of California and *The University Honors Program at California State University, Fullerton*


The Honors Transfer Council of California is a consortium of over fifty honors/scholars programs from community colleges throughout California. The HTCC works together to help our honors students transfer, support academic research by hosting an annual student research conference, award scholarships, and provide a forum for honors directors and counselors to share experiences and successful practices in dealing with talented and motivated students.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this agreement is to strengthen the academic ties between California community colleges and California State University, Fullerton honors programs in an effort to develop greater curricular continuity, encourage more community college honors students to transfer to California State University, Fullerton, and alleviate concerns students may have about course transferability as they prepare to enroll at the University.

### **Commitment by *Transfer Partner***

#### **THE CAL STATE FULLERTON UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM WILL:**

1. Provide transfer honors students with an academically enriched program that includes a special opportunity to work closely with some of the university's most distinguished professors, smaller class sizes, special advising and mentoring support, priority registration, and an opportunity to participate in a culminating senior project and presentation of that academic work;
2. Apply up to 12-units of Honors course credit taken at member community colleges toward the 24 units of Honors credit required to receive University Honors at graduation from Cal State Fullerton;
3. Accept applications from Honors students who meet the minimum requirement (currently, a CSU transferable GPA of  and nine units of Honors credit) and will automatically accept into its program Honors students from HTCC member institutions who earn and maintain while at the community college a 3.6 CSU transferable GPA (students must confirm their intention to attend by the established application deadline and provide an official transcript, unsealed accepted; essay and references are not required);
4. Cooperate on an ongoing basis with the Honors Transfer Program to provide its eligible students with beneficial services such as campus tours of Cal State Fullerton, information workshops, financial aid and scholarship information, transfer counseling, pre-admission advising, faculty guest lectures, library privileges and invitations to cultural events;

5. Disseminate information about the HTCC agreement and participate in informational meetings at participating community colleges whenever feasible;
  6. Provide Cal State Fullerton library privileges to Honors students participating in a community college Honors/Scholars Program (contact the CSUF Honors & Scholars Center for more information about this benefit);
  7. Distribute to community colleges, in a timely manner, updated applications and candidate requirements each year; and
  8. Provide institutional research on the success of the Honors Transfer Program students in order to facilitate program evaluation.
7. Host a transfer event for HTCC students interested in learning more about *Transfer Partner*
  8. Designate an HTCC liaison to provide information to and answer questions from the HTCC directors and counselors regarding transfer and admission requirements:  
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#### **Commitment by the Honors Transfer Council of California**

As part of this agreement, the Honors Transfer Council of California will:

1. Provide students in the Honors Transfer Programs with information about the University Honors Program at Cal State Fullerton, so that interested students may select courses with the objective of transferring in mind;
2. Provide Cal State Fullerton with the names of those students who are expected to complete the Honors Transfer Program and who meet minimum qualifications at participating community colleges so that Cal State Fullerton may contact them and provide them with information on the program and an application to the University Honors Program;
3. Explore on an ongoing basis ways that the Honors Transfer Program at participating community colleges and the University Honors Program at Cal State Fullerton can cooperate to the mutual benefit of all programs;
4. Offer enriched general education Honors courses open to students who meet the admissions criteria. Enrichment is understood to include challenging writing assignments and enhanced critical thinking and research skills in an intellectually stimulating classroom environment;
5. Assure that the class size of Honors/Scholars program courses is small enough to foster the enrichment expected in such a program;
6. Provide timely and regular counseling to students in the Honors/Scholars programs and monitor their progress toward transferring each semester;

7. Facilitate visits by Cal State Fullerton University Honors Program students to explain and promote their program to Honors/Scholars students.

**INTER-INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

1. Program directors at Cal State Fullerton and the participating community colleges will develop informational workshops to address mutual concerns such as articulation, student selection and assessment, and policy development.

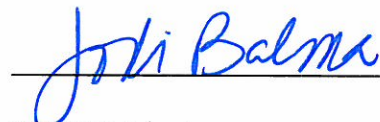
2. Participating institutions will encourage inter-institutional student participation in transfer orientation, Honors Program student events and appropriate CSUF campus academic, cultural and athletic events.

3. In the interest of continuing to develop and improve this agreement, program directors at CSUF and the participating community colleges will meet at regular intervals to re-evaluate the agreement.

Agreed:



Transfer Partner Representative



HTCC President

Dated: Fall, 2013