

ACADEMIC  
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE  
AND  
THE HONORS TRANSFER COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

**Purpose**

The purpose of the UCI-HTCC (Honors Transfer Council of California) Partnership is to provide an enriched academic and support program for a group of select, motivated community college students whose common goal is to transfer to UCI. The members of this partnership are the University of California, Irvine and the member colleges of the HTCC.

**Goals**

- To encourage honors students to apply and enroll at UCI.
- To assist transfer students in the transition from their community college honors / scholars program to UCI.
- To increase transfer student retention at UCI through enhanced advising and closely articulated academic course work.
- To promote student academic preparation and transfer planning.
- To support and promote the value and benefits of community college transfer.
- To support the efforts of UCI in recruiting excellent transfer students from the community colleges.

**Commitment by University of California, Irvine**

As part of this agreement, UCI will:

1. For the respective fall quarter, for all majors, consider a transfer applicant's completion of an honors program at an HTCC-member community college to be evidence of enhanced rigor in academic preparation for transfer, provided those applicants:
  - a) Complete the requirements of a participating community college honors program.
  - b) Fulfill the minimum UC transfer admission requirements.
  - c) Fulfill all major-specific requirements.

- d) Submit a UC admission application by the Nov 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.
2. Offer admission to those identified applicants for the respective fall term who apply to TAG-eligible majors and:
    - a.) Fulfill the minimum UC transfer admission requirements.
    - b.) Fulfill all major-specific requirements, including individual course grade requirements.
    - c.) Submit the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) application by the stated deadline.
    - d.) Satisfy all TAG application requirements as established at the time the student submits a TAG application to UCI. TAG requirements and excluded majors are posted at [admissions.uci.edu/tag](https://admissions.uci.edu/tag).
    - e.) Submit a UC admission application by the Nov 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  3. Invite to the UCI Campuswide Honors Collegium, as space permits, for applicants for the respective fall term who:
    - a.) Complete the requirements of a participating community college honors program and are nominated by their community college honors counselor or staff by the deadline.
    - b.) Earn a UC transferable GPA of 3.7 or higher in all UC-transferable coursework, wherever taken, by the end of the fall term during which the application is submitted.
    - c.) Fulfill the minimum UC transfer admission requirements.
    - d.) Fulfill all major-specific requirements, including individual course grade requirements.
    - e.) Submit a UC admission application by the Nov 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  4. Consider eligible students for Regents and Chancellor's Excellence Scholarships.
  5. Provide transfer advising regarding UCI admission requirements and TAG requirements.
  6. Guarantee housing for students who submit a housing application by the published deadline.
  7. Provide current transfer information to college honors directors and counselors.
  8. Provide information to community college honors/scholars students, faculty and counselors regarding academic and cultural events held on campus.
  9. Provide on-campus UCI library privileges while the student is still enrolled at his or her community college.
  10. Provide admission funnel reports.
  11. Incorporate a session for high-achieving transfer students during UCI's outreach program/events.

12. Link to the HTCC website on an appropriate page within the UCI transfer admission website.

### **Commitment by Participating HTCC Colleges**

As part of this agreement, each participating community college in the HTCC will:

1. Provide an organized structure (*e.g.* Honors Program, Scholars Program, Enriched Transfer Program) for delivery of enriched transfer courses. Such a program will be represented in the college governance structure and will be directed or coordinated by a member of the instructional faculty.
2. Encourage regular review of the transfer curriculum to ensure that it is possible for a student to transfer to UCI after completion of two years in the college honors / scholars program, even though a student may choose to take longer.
3. Present an intellectually enriched transfer curriculum, including an honors / scholars complement of general education courses that
  - a. emphasize in-depth projects, challenging writing, critical thinking and research skills in an intellectually stimulating environment.
  - b. keep enrollment limited to a size or faculty/student ratio appropriate for honors coursework.
4. Curriculum options could include a core of interconnected transfer courses, individual transfer courses in various disciplines, and honors contract options attached to regular transfer courses.
5. Through the eligibility requirements of the honors / scholars programs and through the current assessment mechanisms of the college, evaluate and select HTCC honors program participants with a minimum 3.0 GPA in academic courses in high school or a 3.0 GPA in UC-transferable community college courses.
6. Certify that all HTCC honors program students have completed the requirements of their college honors / scholars program with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
7. Work with UCI Transfer Outreach team and students of the college honors / scholars program to ensure the completeness of each applicant's admission file.
8. Identify a college honors counselor to act as primary liaison between UCI and college students in the HTCC honors program.
9. Encourage faculty and counselors of the college to participate in faculty-to-faculty seminars and other academic activities with the UCI counterparts.
10. Ensure awareness of most current transfer admission policies and major requirements in order to effectively and accurately advise students.

### **Commitment by the Honors Transfer Council of California**

As part of this agreement, the HTCC will:

1. Provide UCI with contact information for honors counselors at HTCC member colleges

and promote opportunities for UCI to interact with those counselors.

2. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to be continually available in order to facilitate communication among UCI, the HTCC, and HTCC member colleges.
3. Require the Chair of Transfer Relations to annually review the lines of communication and accuracy of the contact information of all parties to this agreement and revise the partnership agreement as necessary.
4. Maintain a landing page for UCI on the HTCC's website to enable students to most effectively search opportunities available at the university.
5. Invite UCI admissions and Campuswide Honors Consortium representatives to the annual Honors Transfer Fairs and other events as they arise in order to build relationships among UCI representatives and honors students, honors directors, and honors counselors.

**This MOU is effective Fall 2025 for Fall 2026 applicants and is subject to review by July 1, 2029 or sooner if one of the parties deems it appropriate.**

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