Welcome to the David C. Frederick Honors College First-Year Student Student Orientation
Nicola Foote, PhD
Dean
David C. Frederick: Not Just a Name
Experts in Residence 2023-24: Sherry Skyes, Damon Young, Morgan Overton
Justice and Equity Honors Network

Year-long Experience

• Take courses in collaboration with Macaulay Honors College at CUNY and Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University

• Funded Summer Experience in Washington, D.C.
Summer Study Away Wyoming: A Frederick Honors Tradition Since 2005

University of Pittsburgh
David C. Frederick Honors College
David Hornyak, PhD
Assistant Dean
Getting started in the Frederick Honors College

Take advantage of FHC opportunities

• Bachelor of Philosophy (BPhil) degree
• Honors course enhancement contracts

Use FHC staff and faculty as your guides

• Any FHC staff member (not just an advisor)
• Electus Faculty Fellows

Challenge yourself to do the extraordinary
Brett Say, PhD
Director of FHC Office of Research
What is undergraduate research?
Benefits of undergraduate research

Increased student success
Increase academic performance
Develop transferable skills

Expand your network
Interact with leaders in your field

Inform action
Apply your work to real-world problems
Frederick Honors research

**Fellowships & Awards**
- Receive funding to support work in any major!

**Research Programs**
- BPhil, Publishing, Professional Development, & Group opportunities

**Expert Mentors & Advising**
- Faculty & Peer Mentors, Personal Advising, Community Connections
Getting started with research

• Identify a Topic of Interest
• Review the FHC Research Guide
• Review FHC Student Projects
  • Spring Research Fair
  • Research Blog
  • Completed BPhil Projects
• Everyone’s journey is unique!
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What we do

Aid all Pitt students and recent alumni in finding appropriate external fellowships that align with their specific interests

Provide intensive feedback on application essays, résumés, research proposals (in collaboration with faculty mentors)

Guide students in selecting the appropriate recommenders

Help students prep their reference writers to get strong letters

Lead students through mock interviews in collaboration with university faculty
Scholarships first- and second-year students can apply for:

- Boren Scholarship
- Critical Language Scholarship
- Fulbright UK Summer Institute
- Gilman Fellowship
- Goldwater
- Humanity in Action
- NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program
- NSF REU
- Voyager Scholarship
- Udall Award
Scholarships third and fourth-year students can apply for:

- Beinecke
- Boren Scholarship
- Critical Language Scholarship
- DAAD
- Fulbright
- Goldwater
- Marshall Award
- NSF GRFP
- Rhodes
- Truman Award
- Udall Award
2022-23 Scholarship Winners
Inaugural Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholars

Yali Beit-Arie
Braydan Issermoyer
Kiera Ledermann
Sydney Wilhelmy
2022-23 Scholarship Winners cont.
Pitt’s first Mitchell Scholar
Alexander Firestine

64th Goldwater Scholar
Grace Fleury

Pitt’s first Soros Fellow
Anna Li
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Meet the FHC Academic Advisors

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When should I reach out to my FHC advisor?

When you:

• Have questions about completing your Honors Degree
• Think about your overall goals at Pitt (academic, research, career development)
• Are curious about research opportunities
• Begin to plan your domestic and global study experiences
• Ponder your choice of major
• Consider life beyond Pitt
• Need a thought partner during your Pitt journey
Breaking down the Honors Degree

Your paths to completing the Honors Degree will vary, but here are the key common elements:

• 18 Honors academic credits
• 6 experiential credits
• 1,200 Honors Outside the Classroom Curriculum points
Honors Course Fulfillment

• Courses with the Frederick Honors College course attributes
• Approved majors
  • Politics and Philosophy major courses
  • Engineering Science major courses
• Courses with the civic learning attribute value
• Graduate-level courses
• Pitt Business Honors program courses
• *Additional experiential credits
Honors Course Fulfillment: Approved Certificates

College of Business Administration
Leadership and Ethics

College of General Studies
Corporate/Community Relations
Digital Media
Disability Studies
Leadership

Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences
Conceptual Foundations of Medicine
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
Health Humanities
Public and Professional Writing
Public Communication of Science and Technology
Sport Studies
Sustainability
Television and Broadcast Arts
Honors Course Fulfillment: Approved Certificates cont.

Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA)
Nonprofit Management

School of Public Health
Undergraduate Bioethics

Swanson School of Engineering
Innovation, Product Design, and Entrepreneurship
Engineering for Humanity
Sustainability

University Center for International Studies
Human Rights and Social Justice
Global Health
Understanding the Honors Outside the Classroom Curriculum

You are all academic superstars - but we want you to be superstars across a wide range of skills and competencies

- Communication
- Career Prep
- Art Appreciation
- DEI
- Leadership
- Research
- Civic Engagement
- Cultural Engagement
- Well-being
- Honors Pride
The Suitable app powers the Honors OCC

Download the Suitable app now

- Begin earning HOCC points here
- Focus on continuing to earn HOCC points during your entire first year
- Start to think of your college years not only as the knowledge you gain through your classes, but a collection of experiences and skills that will launch you into the future you want!
Contact me

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Closing Remarks
Immediately after this presentation

Join us in the Soldiers and Sailors lobby to meet with Frederick Honors College faculty and with your advisor in the auditorium.

The FHC first-year welcome picnic is on the lawn between the Cathedral of Learning and Heinz Chapel from 3:00–6:00 pm.