About the Program

Located in the Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, the Terry Scholars Program offers activities designed to facilitate the scholars’ intellectual, cultural and personal growth – as well as helping them succeed in a rigorous academic curriculum.

In 2006, the Terry Foundation expanded its scholarship program and began awarding scholarships to first-time freshmen at UT Dallas. Since that time, more than 300 students have attended UT Dallas on the scholarship.

The academic experience is our number one priority – we anticipate and expect our scholars will achieve academic success. To date, approximately 250 scholars have graduated from UT Dallas with their bachelor’s degree. Graduates have enrolled in masters and PhD Programs at MIT, Yale, UT Austin, Baylor and UT Dallas, as well as Michigan Law School, Baylor College of Dentistry, UT Southwestern, and UT Medical Branch. UT Dallas Terry graduates are employed at Texas Instruments, IBM, Raytheon, JP Morgan, Home Depot, Deloitte & Touche, Texas Health Resources, and DFW area schools.

Terry Scholars value the concept of “pay it forward.” They regularly engage in service; every year scholars complete hundreds of hours of service, separate from the hours each performs individually. Our scholars receive tickets, generously provided through the Thomsen Fund, to attend symphonies, operas, plays, dance performances, and other cultural events in the DFW area. Honors Nights Out is a unique experience that brings together honors college students and faculty to attend a fine arts event, with dinner beforehand and the opportunity to meet professors. Our alums return each year for a networking event on campus. And the Terry Scholar student organization meets twice each month to plan social and service events.

We select 10 bright, ambitious, service-oriented high school seniors each year from over 600 applications — students who desire a well-rounded and enriching undergraduate experience. If you relish the opportunity to be part of a prestigious scholarship program at an academically rigorous institution, please apply.