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 – all while they pursue 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, nearly 300 students have attended UT Dallas on the scholarship. Currently, there are 75 scholars in the four-year program and 24 in the three-year transfer program.

The academic experience is our number one priority – we anticipate and expect our scholars will achieve academic success. To date, approximately 190 scholars have graduated from UT Dallas with their bachelor’s/master’s degree. Graduates are enrolled in masters and Ph.D. programs at MIT, Yale University, UT Austin, UNT and UT Dallas; pre-professional programs at Michigan Law School, Baylor College of Dentistry, UT Houston and UT Medical Branch in Galveston. In addition, others are employed at Texas Instruments, EA Sports, Raytheon, JP Morgan, Honda, Conoco-Phillips, Deloitte & Touche, Shell, Texas Health Resources, and DFW area school districts.

Terry Scholars value the concept of “pay it forward”. They regularly engage in service; last year the scholars completed over 1300 hours of service. This is separate from the hours of service each one of them performs individually. Additionally, the scholars utilize tickets, generously provided by an anonymous donor to attend symphonies, operas, plays, dance performances, and other 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. They have dinner beforehand and receive a lecture from a faculty/staff member related to the subject matter.

We select bright, ambitious, service-oriented scholars who desire a well-rounded and enriching undergraduate experience. If you want the same experience, and relish the opportunity to be part of a prestigious scholarship program at an academically rigorous institution, please apply.