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**BURNETT HONORS COLLEGE**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**  
**INFORMATION**

# BEFORE YOU APPLY

Congratulations on beginning your Honors Scholarship application! Please read this first page in full to understand the process of applying. If you have any questions about scholarship information or the application process, you can reach us at **opa@ucf.edu** or **(407) 823-2076**.

Our office is pleased to offer Honors Scholarships applications twice a year. Each cycle awards funds for the *following* semester, so spring applications support summer and fall opportunities, and fall applications are disbursed in the spring.

Scholarships are sorted into six categories: STEM, Financial Need, Leadership, Study Abroad and International Affairs, Undergraduate Research, and Internship Support. **STEM, Financial Need, and Leadership scholarships are only available during the fall application cycle.** You cannot apply to or be awarded a scholarship from these three categories during the spring application cycle.

## Fall Cycle Dates

- Applications open mid-October
- Open for 1-2 weeks
- Decisions made by end of November
- Disbursed with spring financial aid
- All six scholarship categories available

## Spring Cycle Dates

- Applications open mid-February
- Open for 1-2 weeks
- Decisions made by end of March
- Disbursed with summer or fall financial aid
- Three categories available: Study Abroad, Undergraduate Research, Internship Support

## Basic Scholarship Eligibility

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Before you apply, please be sure you meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must be an active student in University Honors and/or the Honors Undergraduate Thesis program in the semester you apply and the semester the scholarships are awarded.
- Must be in good academic standing. Students on academic probation are not eligible to apply.
- All class standings are eligible to apply to all scholarships, *unless* you do not have a UCF GPA.
  - FTIC freshmen and transfer students in their first semester at UCF fall are not eligible to apply for STEM, Financial Need, or the Leadership categories.
  - All other categories are available to apply to.
- Preference will be given to those who have not already received an award in the category before.

## How to Apply

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- Select **one category** to apply to. You may not apply for multiple categories.
  - You will be considered for *all* awards within the category you select (e.g., STEM).
  - **We do not process applications for individual scholarships.**
- Submit your application to using the Microsoft Form linked on the homepage of the Honors Scholarships page.
- If you are selected for a scholarship and have not received your scholarship in the expected semester, please contact Financial Aid (**finaid@ucf.edu**) first as our office does not handle fund disbursement.
- Read on to learn more about the scholarships offered in each category, or visit **<https://honors.ucf.edu/honors-scholarships/>**.

# STEM

## Beth Juge Memorial Scholarship

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Beth Juge graduated from Kansas University in 1966 with a B.S. degree in Chemistry. In 1968, she moved to Orlando, FL with her husband, Frank Juge, after he joined the faculty of Florida Technological University (now UCF). After a courageous six-year battle against colon cancer, she passed away in 2001. In her memory, her friends and family established the Beth Juge Memorial Scholarship.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Majoring in a STEM discipline.

## The Deepak Pathak Memorial Fellowship

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This scholarship is created by his family in loving memory and honor of UCF Alumni Deepak Pathak. He is remembered for his kind heart, his love of learning, and for his short but meaningful contributions as a bright and driven computer engineer. Through this scholarship, Deepak's legacy is carried forward to future generations of deserving students.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Major must be in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.
- Preference given to computer science majors.

## Walker STEM Scholarship

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The Walker STEM Scholarship Endowment was established in 2017 by Woody '92 and Chris '94 Walker to recognize the achievements and potential of students in STEM fields. In order to be eligible students must be full-time and in good standing with the Burnett Honors College. They must also major in or study a designated STEM discipline.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Majoring in a STEM discipline.
- Preference given to applicants with membership in an RSO focused on women in STEM.



# FINANCIAL NEED

## Allyn M. Stearman Scholarship

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This scholarship is awarded to outstanding Honors students who demonstrate the academic and leadership qualities embodied by the founding dean of the Burnett Honors College, Dr. Allyn Stearman. Allyn McLean Stearman received her Ph.D. from the University of Florida and took her first faculty position at the University of Central Florida specializing in cultural anthropology. Her research focused on cultures of Latin America, with a particular interest in cultural ecology, native Amazonians, problems of developing nations, and women in agriculture.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Exemplify an interdisciplinary love of learning via coursework beyond major or minor requirements and co-curriculars that cross traditional disciplinary boundaries.
- Show academic excellence, creativity, and leadership skills.

## Giordano Scholarship for Academic Excellence and Financial Need

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Paolo Giordano was the Neil E. Euliano Distinguished Professor of Italian and Italian American Studies at the University of Central Florida. He served as president of the American Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI) and as Associate Editor of the Association's journal, Italica. He is also co-founder of Bordighera Press and the journals Voices in Italian Americana and Italiana.

### ELIGIBILITY

- May be a full-time or part-time BHC student.
- Funding must be used to pay for educational expenses.
- Must demonstrate financial need.

## Polson Family Scholarship

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The Polson Family Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 by Annette and Shane Polson to provide support to students with financial need.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Must demonstrate financial need.

## Rising Star Scholarship

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Funded by an anonymous donor to support BHC students with financial need that are College of Engineering and Computer Science majors.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Major must be in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.
- Must demonstrate financial need.

# LEADERSHIP

## Dorothy Gillespie Art Scholarship

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The Dorothy Gillespie Art Scholarship was established to honor the life of artist Dorothy Gillespie. During her career, Dorothy contributed to the women's art movement and was well known as a painter, sculptor, and installation artist whose work encompassed many significant 20th century trends in art.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Must be majoring in the arts or arts education with a preference given for women.

## Emerging Leader Scholarship

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The Emerging Scholars Award was founded collaboratively by Burnett Honors College alumni S. Jonas ('01), R.J. Salzman ('00), Lauren Murphy ('12), and Sandra Miles ('03, '05) in the spring of 2012. This award is an institutional scholarship recognizing the achievements and potential of students in STEM and social sciences early in their academic careers. An annual award will support Burnett Honors College students who show promise in leadership, public service, and research within their field of study.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Majoring in a STEM field.
- Completed at least two semesters at UCF.
- Must have at least one academic year remaining before graduation.
- Minimum 3.5 GPA.
- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Demonstrate ability in two of the three categories: leadership, public service, and research.

## Pham Honors Academic Merit Scholarship

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The Pham Honors Academic Merit Scholarship was established by Mr. T Pham ('98), a Burnett Honors College alumni with a degree in Finance. Mr. Pham graduated with University Honors and the Honors in the Major distinction while serving in several student leadership capacities while at UCF, including as an Honors Team Leader. The Pham Academic Merit Scholarship supports high achieving Honors students annually who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student in good academic standing with the Burnett Honors College.
- Minimum 3.5 GPA.
- Completed at least 60 credit hours.
- Preference given to applicants pursuing an Honors Undergraduate Thesis.
- Preference given to applicants involved in leadership in the college.

# STUDY ABROAD & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## Blanchet Family Endowment

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Eduardo and Silvia Blanchet, former Argentine diplomats, established the Endowment for International Study to encourage Burnett Honors Scholars to better understand the cultural realities and opportunities of today's increasingly globalized world. With this scholarship, the Blanchet family hopes to support globally-minded students who are open to foreign experiences that will likely create an enduring impact on their lives.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time status is *not* required during the awarded semester.
- Participating in a UCF-affiliated Study Abroad program during the awarded semester.

## Burnett Honors College Study Abroad Scholarships

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The Burnett Honors College awards scholarships to University Honors and Honors in the Major students who are enrolled or planning to enroll in a non-BHC study abroad program. Receipt of this award is contingent upon your enrollment in a study abroad program. Students should apply for this award during the semester before they plan to study abroad.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time status is *not* required during the awarded semester.
- Participating in a UCF-affiliated Study Abroad program during the awarded semester.

## Sara Marti Scholarship for Study Abroad

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Sara Marti is a Foreign Service Office with the U.S. State Department and 2005 UCF and Burnett Honors College graduate. She designed this award to give back in a way that would help make a difference in a world where international relations are becoming increasingly difficult. Ms. Marti is a Rangel Fellowship recipient.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time status is *not* required during the awarded semester.
- Participating in a study abroad, international immersion, or international internship program during the awarded semester.

## Sonny's Endowed President's Scholarship

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Established in 2005 by Mr. Bob Yarmuth, CEO for Sonny's Barb-B-Q, and his family, Sonny's Endowed President's Scholarship provides a study abroad experience to UCF's highest achieving Burnett Honors College students. Upon completion of the award, students are expected to present on their experience and document a reflection on the program.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time status is *not* required during the awarded semester.
- Participating in a UCF-affiliated Study Abroad program during the awarded semester.
- Minimum 3.6 GPA.
- Maximum 80 credit hours completed by the end of the spring semester prior to travel.

# UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

## Akerman Law STEM Scholarship

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The Akerman Law STEM Scholarship was established to recognize outstanding Burnett Honors College students majoring in the STEM disciplines.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Majoring in a STEM field.

## Alvin Y. Wang Undergraduate Research Scholarship

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The Alvin Y. Wang Undergraduate Research Scholarship honors the tenure of dean emeritus Alvin Wang, the second dean of the Burnett Honors College and professor of Psychology. In honor of his leadership, parents, alumni, faculty and friends created a surprise endowment in his honor upon his stepping down from the deanship in 2017.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Must be participating in an undergraduate research program.
- Majoring in psychology.

## Early Career Research in Arts and Humanities Scholarship

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This scholarship is to encourage underclassmen in the College of Arts and Humanities who are starting to get involved in research.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Must be a freshman or sophomore.
- Major must be in the College of Arts and Humanities.

## Kathy S. Cook Undergraduate Research in Legal Studies Scholarship

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The Kathy S. Cook Undergraduate Research in Legal Studies Scholarship was established in 2017 in honor of legal studies professor and Honors in the Major faculty advisor, Kathy Cook, after 35 years of steadfast service to the University of Central Florida.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Member of the Honors Undergraduate Thesis program.
- Must be registered as a Pre-Law student and intend to pursue a future career within the legal profession.

# UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

## Massing Family Recovery Scholarship

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The Massing Family funds this scholarship to assist and recognize students who are completing research in addiction and/or recovery.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Conducting research in addiction and/or recovery.

## Transfer Student Research Scholarship

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This scholarship is funded by the BHC to aid transfer students who are taking part in research on campus.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time BHC student.
- Must be a transfer student participating in undergraduate research.



# INTERNSHIP SUPPORT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Burr & Forman Scholarship Development Fund

The Burr & Forman Scholar Development Fund was established in the spring of 2015 by Burr & Forman, LLP. The legal professionals of Burr & Forman Orlando are led by proud UCF alumni who are committed to elevating enrichment opportunities for high achieving students. The Burr & Forman Scholar Development Fund supports academic initiatives that provide top students with distinct opportunities in experiential learning and leadership.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time status is not required during the awarded semester.
- Participating in an internship or experiential learning experience during the awarded semester.

## The Kathryn and William Busch Scholarship for Positive Change

The Kathryn and William Busch Foreign Affairs Internship Award was established by Stephanie Straface '11, a Burnett Honors College alumna, in honor of her grandparents, Kathryn and William Busch. Kathryn and William welcomed Stephanie into their home and raised her as their own during a pivotal time in her life, encouraging her to use her voice, pursue education, and make a positive difference in the world. William passed away on August 24, 2025, and this scholarship stands as a tribute to the compassion, guidance, and commitment to service that both Kathryn and William exemplified.

This scholarship is designated to support BHC students who seek to make a meaningful impact in the world through compassionate and values-driven work to support travel and other expenses related to internships with government or non-government organizations that demonstrate a commitment to positive change.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time status is not required during the awarded semester.
- Participating in an internship experience during the awarded semester.
- Supports travel and other expenses related to internships with government and non-government orgs-such as the Department of State, the United Nations, NATO, human rights orgs, Doctors or Engineers Without Borders and others-that demonstrate a commitment to positive change.

## Rosane and Scott Cooper Internship Fund

The Rosane and Scott Cooper Internship Fund was established in 2017 by parents, Rosane and Scott Cooper '91 to support students in obtaining internships.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time status is not required during the awarded semester.
- Participating in an internship or experiential learning experience during the awarded semester.
- Preference given to applicants with financial need.
- Preference given to applicants pursuing internships outside of Central Florida.