Message From Dean Charles Adams, PhD

The USF Honors College continues to move forward in its mission to develop tomorrow’s leaders by providing first-rate educational opportunities to USF’s most highly motivated, intellectually curious, and academically accomplished students. Our distinctive interdisciplinary curriculum, taught in small classes by engaged faculty, is enhanced by many opportunities for community engagement, international education and research projects. Our graduates go on to great careers in business, medicine, law, and a host of other fields. But whatever work they do, they are lifelong learners dedicated to making a difference, at home and around the globe.
A World-Class Honors College

Founded in 2002, the USF Honors College has rapidly established a reputation as one of the most innovative and successful honors programs in the country. Each year, high-ability students from around the nation are attracted to USF because of the College’s unique learning environment that demands the very best of each student scholar. Though the College enrolls about 2,000 students each year, most classes are capped at 19 to encourage meaningful interaction between students and faculty, creating an intellectually vibrant small-college atmosphere within the context of a large metropolitan university. The Honors College is designed to guide students toward lifelong success through a combination of personalized advising, rigorous coursework, innovative research opportunities, and regular interactions with both a dedicated faculty and student body marked by remarkable diversity of academic interests and personal perspectives. Honors College students also have access to rewarding research placements, internships, national conferences and study abroad opportunities made possible by scholarship funds.

Priorities

Our priorities depend on continued growth of endowed and current-use scholarship programs to help qualified students take advantage of all the opportunities offered to them and reach their full potential. Global Study scholarships make it possible for students to work and study abroad to gain essential knowledge and experience for success in a complex world. Some private funds help students to travel to national and international conferences to present their research and make valuable connections in their chosen fields. Others enable our excellent debate team to participate in national competitions, honing communication skills that will benefit them in a variety of professions, while still others help send our students on research trips to sometimes remote locations to work with teams of international specialists on groundbreaking projects. Support for these and other priorities provides exceptional students with opportunities to develop skills that spell success in the global age: critical thinking, collaborative problem-solving, innovative thinking, cultural awareness, and the ability to communicate effectively.