Scholarships

University Scholarships

Attending college not only requires focused study, but also a solid financial plan to ensure success. Please review the Tuition and Fees section of the university webpage to determine the cost of attendance at the University of Houston. Many scholarships are also available to incoming and current Mechanical Engineering students to help offset costs. Some are administered by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and others by the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; however, all are open to University of Houston students.

Additionally, students are encouraged to explore scholarships from other sources by browsing websites like TcSUH Cora Hawley Scholarships, FastWeb, StudentScholarships.org, Collegeboard, and The National Data Base.

Mechanical Engineering Department Scholarships

The department offers two categories of scholarships. The first category, which includes the Presidential fellowship (for PhD students), $1000 scholarship for MS students among others are solely reserved for new incoming graduate students that have been admitted in the Fall semester. No application is necessary for those. All graduate applicants will automatically be considered on a competitive basis. This Spring 2017 all admitted master’s students will be offered a $1,000 admissions scholarship!

The second category of departmental scholarships, described below, is for existing graduate students and these primarily reserved for outstanding doctoral students in the department of mechanical engineering. Materials PhD students whose advisors have primary appointment in the department of mechanical engineering are also eligible for these scholarships. Click here to complete the online scholarship application.

The following are some of the scholarships that are annually awarded to outstanding PhD students in Mechanical Engineering:

- **American Bureau of Shipping Scholarship**
  - Merit Based
  - Maritime and/or energy business interest preferred

- **Bidani Scholarship**
  - Merit Based

- **Cook Scholarship**
  - Need Based
- Acoustics interest preferred

- Hall Endowed Scholarship
  - Need Based
  - Female Candidates Only

- Lewis Wheeler Scholarship
  - Doctoral Candidates Only

- Padula Endowed Scholarship
  - Merit Based

Names of some of the scholarships may not appear in the list above and is updated as we raise additional funds. An updated list will appear at the time of the awards. Scholarship award recipients are decided by the graduate scholarship committee. The number of scholarships available and their monetary values vary, but will typically be $1000 each. During the application process, there is no need to specify for which scholarship the student is applying for.

PhD students who are interested in competing for the scholarships should complete the online scholarship application. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required to apply for these scholarships although anything less than 3.4 is likely to be uncompetitive. The resume must include the overall GPA and grades received in every UH course taken. Two letters of recommendation should be arranged to be sent to Professor Pradeep Sharma (psharma [at] uh [dot] edu). The deadline is 5PM, 25th August, 2016. No further reminders will be sent nor extensions given. It is the student?s responsibility to ensure that the recommendation letters arrive on time.

ME applicants must have taken the at least one of the Math courses (Math I or II). This requirement is not applicable to materials PhD students. The committee may give lower priority to students who have recently received major UH scholarships. The resume should contain the details of all the UH scholarships received within the last year. The committee decision is based on several factors and is a holistic assessment that includes consideration of confidential information. No explanation will be provided to students who do not win an award.

**Career Opportunities**

The UH Cullen College of Engineering offers something that most engineering colleges around the country do not ? an Engineering Career Center devoted to finding you a job, internship, fellowship or other career opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To learn more about career opportunities, co-ops, internships, workshops, on-campus recruiting events and much more, please visit the Engineering Career Center.

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