# UCR Honors Program Vision Seminar

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### LAND ACKOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to respectfully acknowledge and recognize our responsibility to the original and current caretakers of this land, water and air: the Cahuilla, the Tongva, Luiseño and Serrano peoples, their ancestors and their descendants, past, present and future. Today this place is home to many Indigenous peoples from all over the world, including UCR students, staff and faculty. I am grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these homelands.

# Envisioning Transformative Honors Experiences

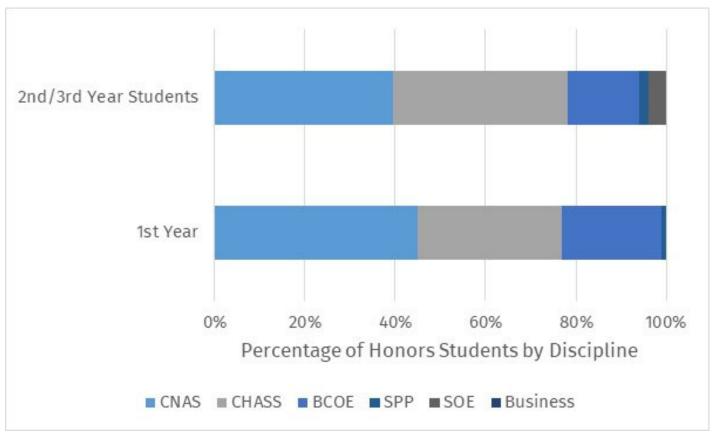
- Breaking down silos
- Expanding curricular offerings
- Increasing participation in High Impact Educational Experiences
- Cultivating Relationships with Community, Parents and Alumni





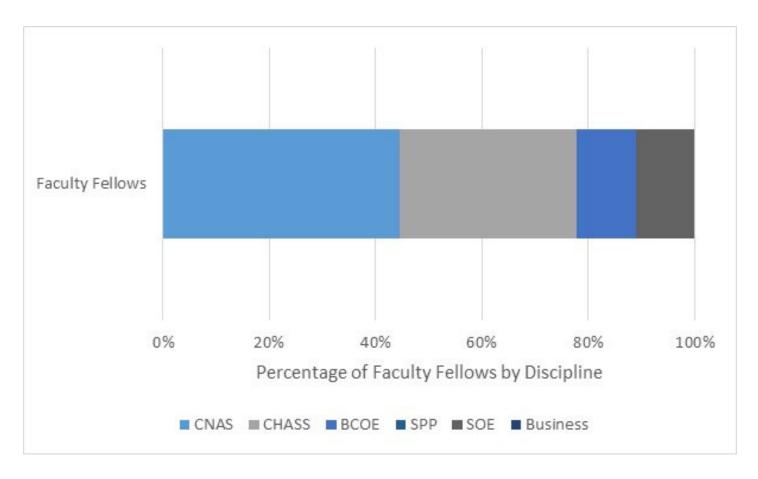


### Teaching and Mentoring: Student Participation





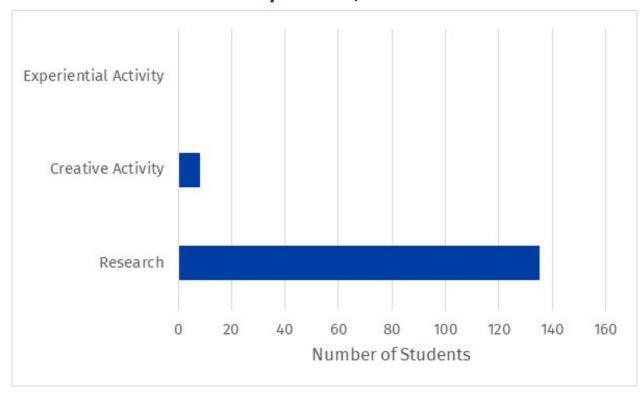
### Teaching and Mentoring: Faculty Participation



Source: University Honors (2023-2024)



## Undergraduate Student Research & Creative Activity Symposium May 7-10, 2024



Goal: Encourage projects based on creative or experiential activity

### Teaching and Mentoring: Ignition Seminars

### **CNAS, BCOE**

- Molecular Gastronomy
- Dystopian Literature
- Digital Transformation
- What's in the Air
- Making Good Decisions
- Genomes and Society
- Testament of Time
- Poetry for Physicists
- Public Health

#### **CHASS**

- Arabic Language and Culture
- Literary Responses to Disaster
- Five Shakespeare Comedies
- Popular Music and Politics
- Cold War and Pop Culture
- The Politics of Gender
- World Languages
- Global Communication
- Writing and Power

Goal: Expand offerings from professional schools and arts



### Teaching and Mentoring: Director's Responsibilities

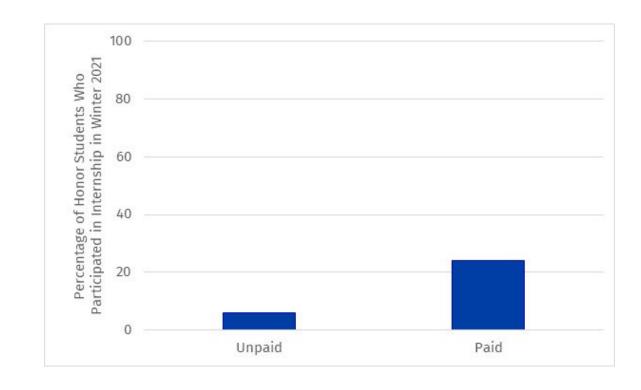
- HNPG 2: Principles of Civic Engagement
- HNPG 149: Introduction to the Capstone
- HNPG 198H: Junior Honors Research
- HNPG 199H: Senior Honors Research
- HNPG 150: Research & Creative Activity Across the Disciplines

### **Future Ignition Seminars**

- Gender, Language & Society
- Sociology through Literature & Film
- Music and Heritage Language Revitalization



## Few students engage in internships





Source: University Honors Annual Report 2020-2021



However, Honors students

participate in on- or off- campus

organizations

Source: University Honors Annual Report 2020-2021











Goal: Expand creative and experiential activities in Riverside















Goal: Expand creative and experiential activities beyond Riverside



### **Breaking Down or Blurring the Silos**











Biology and Ecology: Field Studies in Namibia



Media & Cultural Studies in Chiba, Japan





Hip Hop & the Power of Dramatic Writing (Belize)



Linguistics in Madrid & Bilbao



### Cultivate Relationships with Community, Parents & Alumni

- Communicate value and feasibility of programs to students & parents
- Engage with Honors alumni
- Increase scholarships



### **UCR Honors Mission**

University Honors engages a diverse community of students, faculty

and staff in the creation of global citizens through high-impact

experiences that emphasize original scholarship, contribution, creativity

and innovation.







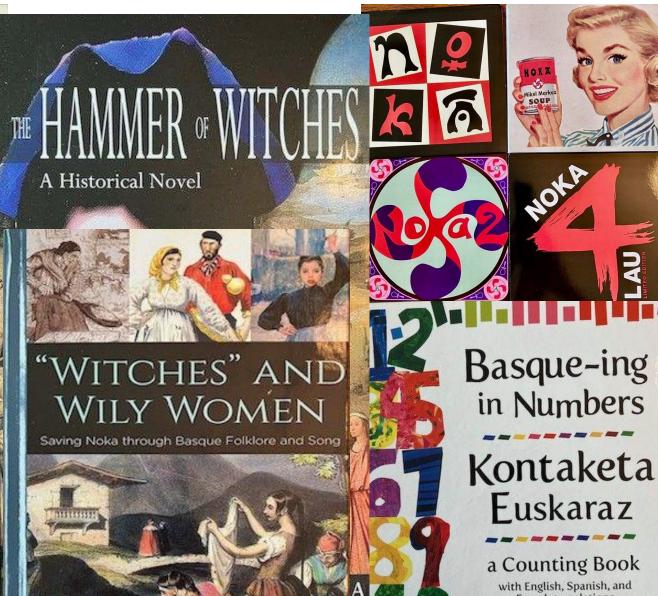


#### ON WORLD REFUGEE DAY

The UN Refugee Agency

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Thank You!

