

Human Development Honors Program Application Instructions

Below you will find instructions for how to complete your application to the Human Development Honors Program. Any questions should be directed to the Honors Program Director, Dr. Melanie Killen (coehdhonors@umd.edu).

Step 1: Contact a potential Human Development faculty advisor and meet with them prior to the application submission. A letter of recommendation (LOR) is required from the faculty advisor for the application. The LOR should be sent to coehdhonors@umd.edu directly by the faculty advisor.

Step 2: Prepare the following application materials as a **single** PDF document. Title the PDF document as “Last Name_First Name_HD Honors Application.pdf”. Keep a copy of this document for your records.

1. Unofficial transcript
2. Statement of Purpose (see below for details)
3. Copy of proposed academic plan from HD academic advisor

Step 3: Submit the PDF document of all application materials through the [HD Honors Program Application Qualtrics Form](#). Be sure to check that the application is complete and accurate prior to submission. Incorrect or incomplete applications will not be processed. *All applicants should seek advice from their faculty advisor prior to writing their Statement of Purpose and incorporate the feedback to the document before submission.*

Statement of Purpose Guidelines

In your statement of purpose (2 pages maximum, double-spaced), address the following prompts:

1. Describe your reasons for applying to the Honors Program. Discuss your prior research experience, interest, and motivation for conducting a thesis project.
2. Identify your thesis faculty advisor and the human development topic of your thesis (i.e., the content area).
3. Discuss how you view participation in the Honors program as being beneficial to your post-college plans.
4. Describe your readiness to consider issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion in your academic studies.