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University of Houston System

UH System and City of Houston Partner to Expand Internships

The University of Houston System and the Houston Health Department have formalized a systemwide partnership agreement to expand paid internships, practicums, research opportunities and applied learning experiences for students across the University of Houston, University of Houston-Downtown and University of Houston-Clear Lake.

University of Houston

UH Electron Microscopy Core Facility Opens With Atomic-Resolution Microscope

The University of Houston has fully opened its Electron Microscopy Core facility, a roughly $6 million investment in construction and equipment that gives researchers new ways to study materials at the scale of individual atoms. The facility's GrandARM 300 is the first atomic-resolution microscope of its kind in Texas.

UH Launches Institute to Help People Experiencing Homelessness

UH Health launched the Institute for Housing, Homelessness, and Health, a university-wide initiative that brings together expertise in healthcare, social work, public policy, law, data science and other disciplines to help communities better understand and reduce homelessness.

Provost and Professor Chase's Discoveries Make Cover of Smithsonian Magazine

Provost Diane Z. Chase and Professor Arlen Chase's groundbreaking Maya discoveries made the cover story of Smithsonian magazine's November issue. The acclaimed anthropologists' recent findings shed new light on the daily life of the ancient society.

Cougar Football Hits High Ranking in AP Poll and Big 12

Led by Coach Willie Fritz, Cougar Football is ranked in the top 15 in the AP Poll for the second time this season and has been ranked every week this year for the first time since 1990. With a 7-2 record, the team is bowl eligible again and is seeking its first back-to-back 10-win season in school history.

UH Shines in Princeton Review's Lists and U.S. News & World Report Rankings

UH was named among Princeton Review's newest edition of "Best 392 Colleges," as well as its "Best Value Colleges," and "Colleges that Create Futures" lists. In U.S. News & World Report National Universities Rankings, the University moved to the No. 67 spot among public universities and ranked No. 40 for Social Mobility.

The University of Houston-Clear Lake

$2.3 Million Federal Grant Strengthens Veteran Student Success

The University of Houston-Clear Lake received a $2.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to expand academic support and career readiness services for more than 750 veteran and military-connected students. The three-year award will help students complete their degrees and translate their military experience into successful civilian careers.

UHCL, Dickinson ISD Launch First Guaranteed Admission Partnership

UHCL has established its first guaranteed admission partnership with Dickinson Independent School District, creating a new pathway to higher education for approximately 515 graduating seniors. Students with a minimum 2.75, unweighted GPA are guaranteed admission.

UHCL Expands Hawk Promise to Make College More Affordable

This fall, UHCL expanded its Hawk Promise program, which covers tuition and mandatory fees, to eligible transfer students. In fall 2027, it will increase the family income eligibility threshold to $100,000 for qualifying first-time freshmen and transfer students entering.

The University of Houston-Downtown

UHD's Criminal Justice Program Expands to UHD Northwest

The University of Houston-Downtown's renowned Criminal Justice program will expand to UHD Northwest, making the program accessible and affordable for students living in northwest Harris County. The program will also offer internship opportunities, helping students to secure jobs ahead of graduation.

UHD on the Rise in National Rankings

UHD was highly ranked in the U.S. News & World Report Regional Universities West Rankings, climbing by 14 spots up to No. 48. The University is now in the top ten regional universities in Texas and No. 25 among top public schools in the category.

Enhanced Welcome Center Provides One-Stop Shop for Students

UHD recently unveiled its newly enhanced Welcome Center, which now houses Admissions, Enrollment Management, the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Student Accounts and other critical services, providing students a one-stop shop for their needs.