Student Scholarships & Awards

Offering work-study scholarships and awards to foster student success is a top priority for UH Libraries because it supports President Renu Khator’s strategic goals of student success, national competitiveness, community advancement, resource competitiveness, and national and local recognition.

When you invest in a scholarship awarded to students who work and study inside UH Libraries, you enable opportunity of almost any sort to take root and thrive. Recruiting and retaining the most diverse and academically competitive students, regardless of financial resources, is a top priority for UH and for UH Libraries.

Endowed student scholarships helps to leverage our resources and offer competitive compensation, while assisting students to finance their education and minimize early-career debt. Equally important is the unique exposure student employees get to library resources, knowledge experts, and techniques for locating and evaluating information.

As part of their work students develop information literacy skills that are lifelong success tools.

A high percentage of university students work while taking classes. There are benefits to both the student and the university when that employment is located on campus. On-campus employment at the library is of particular benefit because it enriches the out-of-the-classroom experience, increases a student’s sense of identity, and helps to prepare each student for his or her future career.

There are even more benefits for students and the university when that employment is located on campus. UH Libraries’ employment of students has an immediate impact on their educational experience, provides a consistent source of financial support to help ensure uninterrupted progress toward graduation, and allows UH Libraries to benefit from employees who understand the student experience—because they are students!

We are shaping a community of lifelong learners who enhance human potential and knowledge enterprise. As a center for knowledge, we mentor students about the best ways to synthesize information and present new ideas in ways that are both compelling and comprehensible.

The ability to gather disparate bits of information into cohesive new thoughts and communicate them to others is an essential cognitive skill that UH Libraries endows into our community of students. The quality
and capacity of our students, and Houston, to thrive rests squarely on UH Libraries’ ability to achieve a vision that serves our city and its people, fostering a community well positioned to make a positive impact on our future.

**Mission**

The mission of UH Libraries is to advance student success, knowledge creation and preservation, and to foster globally competitive research. To accomplish this task we must support students as they learn, inspire them to create new knowledge, and lend support to student research, in particular when it takes place inside the library.

**Vision**

Our vision is to be a community nurtured by curiosity and creativity that drives lifelong learning and scholarship.

**Scholarships & Awards Objectives - Empowering Others & Transforming Lives**

**Student Work Scholarships** – A typical one year library work scholarship employs a student in the library for 15 hours a week throughout the year. Actual hours and salary rates vary for each student. Your support of a student scholarship is way to transform a student’s life, forever. Your gift will have lasting impact in their life.

**Student Employee Awards** – are a way to provide a means of recognizing top performing student workers, their outstanding service to UH Libraries and to the community at large. These awards promote a positive work ethic and teamwork, and a commitment to lifelong learning and intellectual enterprise. Students who receive awards are those whose dedication and work puts them among the top tier of UH Libraries’ student workers.

**Library Research Awards** - Awards in support of scholarly work with library collections and tools are essential. They enable upper-division undergraduates and graduate students to have hands-on experiences to develop and manage research projects. These vital endeavors enable UH students to demonstrate a mastery of research tools and techniques and the ability to plan and execute projects. Students who complete research projects not only enhance their resumes, they also gain a competitive edge over their peers. Your gift of support for a research award supports UH’s focus to be a top research university. It rewards our most brilliant student’s to reach new pinnacles of success at a time when they are just beginning their careers. Your support rewards students deserving of encouragement to pursue their intellectual passions.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LIBRARIES VISION:**

A community nurtured by curiosity and creativity that drives lifelong learning and scholarship.

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