The University of Houston’s Fall 2012 application is available online, and the new priority deadline for admissions is December 1. As our university became a Tier 1 Research University, we have moved to higher admissions standards as well.

Automatic admission will be given to those students who are in the top 15 percent of their graduating class and to students who are in the top 16-25 percent of their class who also have a minimum of a 1000 SAT (critical reading and math) or a 21 ACT composite or the 26-50 percent of their class with a 1100 or 24 on the ACT, but students must complete their file by December 1! After December 1, all students that are not in the top 10 percent of their graduating class will be individually reviewed.

UH will accept applications, high school transcripts, application fees, and SAT/ACT scores until April 1.

Students may monitor their file at http://myUH.uh.edu.

Priority Deadline—December 1st

It Has Been an Exciting Year to Be a Cougar!

The University of Houston has been given numerous accolades in 2011! A few of them are listed below:

- The university was named a Tier One Research University by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; one of only three public universities in Texas given this distinct honor.
- The Princeton Review named UH one of the Top 376 Universities in the nation.
- The Chronicle for Higher Education named UH one of the best colleges to work for, and we could not agree more!
- The TARU (Top American Research University) Report shows that UH is the only emerging research university to meet 5 criteria needed to be placed on the list.

Visit UH During This Fall’s Cougar Preview

Come experience the University of Houston on Saturday, November 12! Cougar Preview is our open house that will last from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is intended to assist students with their college choice. Family members and guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend the event. Students can register at www.uh.edu/campusvisits.

At Cougar Preview, your students will experience:

- A day filled with answers about admission requirements, degree plans, scholarships and financial aid opportunities, and campus housing
- A chance to see the excellent academic and recreational facilities, as well as meet with our student leaders at the organizations fair

*On the Spot Admissions will be available
Freshman Scholarships

Academic Excellence
- $2,500 - $6,000
- Based on SAT or ACT scores and class rank
- Renewable for four years
- For students who have a competitive academic profile—typically a score of 1200 on the critical reading and math portions of the SAT (26 ACT composite) with a class rank in the top 20 percent.

UH Tier One
- Covers tuition and mandatory fees
- Renewable for four years
- For students who have scored a minimum of 1300 on the verbal and math sections of the SAT (29 ACT composite) and are graduating in the top 10 percent of their class.
- Students that receive the Academic Excellence scholarship will be asked to compete for Tier One.

*Students must have a complete admission file by December 1 to be eligible for these scholarships.

Bacterial Meningitis Immunization Required in Texas

Beginning January 2012, Texas State law (SB 1107) mandates that all entering students under the age of 30 provide a certificate signed by a health care provider or an official immunization record verifying that a student has been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis, or has received a booster during the five years prior to registration.

Help us by letting your students know they need to get the immunization before attending UH!

Impacted Majors Require Higher Admissions Standards

A few of our colleges have new admissions requirements for the fall 2012 semester.

Engineering: Students who apply for Engineering but do not meet the requirements will be placed in the major of Engineering Unspecified.

Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Students who apply for Natural Sciences and Mathematics but do not meet the requirements will be placed in the major of UScholars.

For all of our impacted majors, see our special major requirements page.
Every year, the Frontier Fiesta Association at the University of Houston awards at least sixteen scholarships to deserving incoming freshman and current UH students. These scholarships not only reward academic achievement, but they also recognize outstanding efforts in community service. Scholarship recipients are chosen through a committee of university faculty and staff.

Over the last fifteen years, the Frontier Fiesta Association has awarded over $90,000 in scholarships. In fact, in 2011 alone, this association granted $11,000 to UH students.

If you would like to share this scholarship with your students, please send an e-mail to ffscholarships@uh.edu expressing your interest so we will be able to forward you more information as it becomes available.

**UH Football has record-breaking season**

The University of Houston has captured the national spotlight again this year as the UH football team reached the 11th spot in the BCS standings after a 56-13 win over UAB last week, making it a 9-0 season. Senior quarterback Case Keenum has set four Football Bowl Subdivision records this season: career touchdowns accounted for, career touchdown passes, career passing yards, and career total offense.

UH is currently fundraising for $120 million replacement of the football stadium as well as a $40 million renovation of the basketball stadium.

**Dr. Simon Bott’s PALs Program**

Dr. Simon Bott, celebrated Professor of Chemistry at the University of Houston, started the PALs Program at UH. In an effort to increase students’ first year success, every freshman student at UH is partnered with a faculty or staff mentor. This student is able to lean on the mentor for any questions or assistance they may need. Some exciting statistics about the PALs program are:

- Over 90% of students who were assigned PALs were retained into their second semester compared to only 65% without PALs.
- Students with PALs were over 50% more likely to return to UH for their sophomore year.