

RENU KHATOR

Renu Khator is Chancellor of the University of Houston System and President of the University of Houston. She oversees a four-university organization that serves nearly 71,000 students, has an annual budget that exceeds \$1.7 billion and generates almost \$6 billion-plus impact on the Greater Houston area's economy each year.

Designated as a Tier One public research university by the Carnegie Foundation, UH has been named one of the Princeton Review's 50 "Colleges That Create Futures." U.S. News & World Report has ranked UH seventh among universities that graduate students with the least amount of debt. And bestcolleges.com has ranked UH among the nation's top 40 universities producing the most Fortune 500 CEOs.

Khator, who was born in Uttar Pradesh, India, completed her graduate studies at Purdue University, earning master's and doctorate degrees in political science. A noted scholar in the field of global environmental policy, she has authored several books and articles on this subject. The UH System's first woman Chancellor and the first Indian immigrant to head a comprehensive research university in the United States, she assumed her post in January 2008.



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President, University of Houston

Quick Facts

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1985 Purdue University (Political Science/Public Administration)
M.A. 1975 Purdue University (Political Science)
B. A. 1973 Kanpur University, India (Liberal Arts)

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

The UH System, the state's only metropolitan higher education system, includes the University of Houston, a doctoral degree granting, comprehensive research university; UH-Clear Lake; UH-Downtown; and UH-Victoria.

In addition, the UH System includes campuses in Katy, Northwest Houston, Pearland and Sugar Land, as well as Houston Public Media, home to KUHT-TV8, Houston's PBS station and the nation's first educational television station; KUHF-88.7, Houston's National Public Radio station; and KUHF 88.7 HD-2, Houston's digital classical music stream.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Founded in 1927, UH is Texas' third-largest university and a Tier One public research institution. With an enrollment of approximately 44,000 students, UH awards 8,000 degrees annually, including approximately 200 Ph.D.'s. Recognized for its diversity, UH has no racial majority on campus and its international student body represents more than 140 countries.

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- Doctor of Social Sciences degree, honoris causa, Purdue University
- Honorary Doctorate, Swansea University
- Texas Women's Hall of Fame
- Council of Fellows/Fidelity Investments Mentor Award, American Council on Education (ACE)
- Excellence in Leadership Award, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- President of the Year Award, ACUI
- President's Award, NASPA
- Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (from President of India)
- Greater Houston Partnership "International Executive of the Year"

SELECTED APPOINTMENTS

- Chair, Board of Directors, American Athletic Conference
- Indian Prime Minister's Empowered Expert Committee, charged with selecting India's 20 world-class "Institutes of Eminence"
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council
- Immediate Past Chair, American Council on Education Board of Directors
- Immediate Past Chair, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Board of Directors
- Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities (AGB) Council of Presidents
- NCAA Division I Presidential Forum
- Texas Medical Center Advisory Board
- Greater Houston Partnership Board of Directors