



CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT  
RENU KHATOR

RENU KHATOR is chancellor of the University of Houston System and president of UH, overseeing a four-university organization that serves 66,000 students, has an annual budget that exceeds \$1.3 billion, and generates a \$3.5 billion-plus impact on the Greater Houston area's economy each year.

During her tenure, UH has experienced record-breaking research funding, enrollment and private donations. UH launched its 75-acre Energy Research Park, part of her \$400-million campus construction program, and became a member of the Texas Medical Center. In 2011, UH became a Tier One university, with the Carnegie Foundation elevating it into the top category of research universities. The university was also recognized by the Princeton Review for excellence in undergraduate education and by the Chronicle for Higher Education as an exceptional workplace.

Khator, who was born in Uttar Pradesh, India, recently joined some of the world's most respected leaders when she was named to the Indian Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council. She serves on several boards, including the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, the American Council on Education, the Greater Houston Partnership, the Houston Technology Center, the Texas Medical Center CEO Group and the Business-Higher Education Forum Board of Directors. A noted scholar in the field of global environmental policy, she has published numerous books and articles on this subject.

The first Indian immigrant to head a comprehensive public research university in the United States, Khator was appointed in January 2008.

## 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

Founded in 1927, UH is Texas' third-largest university and a Tier One public research institution. With an enrollment of more than 40,000, UH now awards 7,000 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.

### UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

The UH System, the state's only metropolitan higher education system, includes UH, a doctoral degree-granting, comprehensive research university; UH-Downtown, a four-year undergraduate university with selected graduate programs; UH-Clear Lake, specializing in upper-level and graduate programs, including one Ph.D. program; and UH-Victoria, a four-year institution with master's degree programs. In addition, the UH System consists of branch campuses in Pearland and NW Houston, teaching centers at Cinco Ranch and Sugar Land as well as KUHT-TV, the nation's first educational TV station, and two radio stations – KUHF-FM, Houston's NPR affiliate, and classical music station KUHA-FM.

### SELECTED AWARDS, HONORS & APPOINTMENTS

American Council on Education Board of Directors

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Board of Directors

Doctor of Social Sciences degree, *honoris causa*, Purdue University

Outstanding American by Choice Award given by the Citizenship and Immigration Services to recognize the outstanding achievements of naturalized U.S. citizens

Recipient of Hind Rattan (Jewel of India) award given to non-resident Indians who have made outstanding contributions in their field

Texas Executive Women "Women on the Move" Honoree

Global Advisory Council of the Prime Minister of India



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