

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

THE HONORS COLLEGE

Call for Applications

The *Phronêsis* Research and Mentoring Program (R&MP) invites applications from Honors students within the Minor who are eager to research and develop an expertise in a major ethical and/or political issue, with both historical importance and contemporary relevance. **Review of applications is competitive, and students chosen will be awarded a stipend of \$1,000** (disbursed \$500 per semester; additional funding will be available to help students travel to an academic conference to deliver their research papers.).

Students selected for R&MP will work closely with a *Phronêsis* faculty member, as well as with one another, to construct and engage in a significant research project during the Fall 2017 semester. By early Spring 2018, students will produce a final research document (around 10-12 pages in length) for submission to relevant undergraduate conferences (for presentation) and-or journals (for publication). Projects will be guided by a research agenda and based upon a significant bibliography of primary and secondary readings. Students selected to participate will be expected to meet as a group with the program director (at least once per month) and also with each other (in advance of these meetings). Research agendas will be created by October 2017, bibliographic research (primary and secondary) will be completed by December 2017, a final draft of the research paper will be prepared by March 2018, and final projects will be submitted by April 2018.

All projects must be student-driven and focus upon the historical, intellectual, and-or theoretical roots of a contemporary problem with reference to a political-ethical framework. (For example, if you are interested in political-ethical questions related to human rights, you would also explore the rights theories that form the historical background to contemporary debates; if you are interested in researching an historical event or crisis, you would also examine its philosophical or theoretical as well as legal or political dimensions.) The aim of this program is to ground political and ethical topics of current relevance and urgency within a broader and deeper intellectual context.

To be eligible for this program, you must be declared as a Minor in *Phronêsis*, and be in good standing, at the time of application.

To submit an **application**, send an email (see below), with a brief **letter of interest** (in the message itself) supported by **3 supplemental documents**: UH transcript, academic resume, and a proposal. *The proposal must provide a succinct statement of the specific issue, or problem, you would like to research, including relevant and focused research questions (tentatively stated) that will orient your initial approach to the issue or problem, its historical or theoretical background, and its contemporary relevance. An initial set of primary readings for the research project should be clearly indicated.*

Full applications must be submitted by 5pm on **Tuesday, Sept. 12** to Dr. Gish (dgish@uh.edu).

Completed applications will be reviewed by an Honors faculty committee.

Students selected to participate will be notified of their selection no later than **Monday, Sept. 18**.