

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 70,000 students, has an annual budget that exceeds \$1.7 billion, and generates almost \$6 billion in economic impact on the Greater Houston area's economy each year.

During her tenure as chancellor, the UH System has grown substantially, including expansion of UH-Clear Lake and UH-Victoria into four-year institutions. Under her leadership as president, the University of Houston has experienced record-breaking research funding, enrollment and private donations. As part of a \$1-billion campus construction program, UH launched its 74-acre Energy Research Park, opened its new 40,000-seat TDECU Stadium and increased student residence hall capacity to 8,000, the second highest in Texas.

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 first Indian immigrant to head a comprehensive public research university in the United States, Khator was appointed in 2008. She is the first female chancellor of a Texas higher education system.



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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 branch campuses and teaching centers in Katy, Northwest Houston, Pearland and Sugar Land. It also includes 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.

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 42,000 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
- 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"
- Outstanding American by Choice Award given by the Citizenship and Immigration Services to recognize the achievements of naturalized U.S. citizens
- Women in Science Award, BioHouston
- QUASAR Award, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership

SELECTED APPOINTMENTS

- Immediate Past Chair, American Council on Education Board of Directors
- Chair, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Board of Directors
- American Athletic Conference Board of Directors
- NCAA Division I Presidential Forum
- Business & Higher Education Forum Executive Committee
- Greater Houston Partnership Board of Directors



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