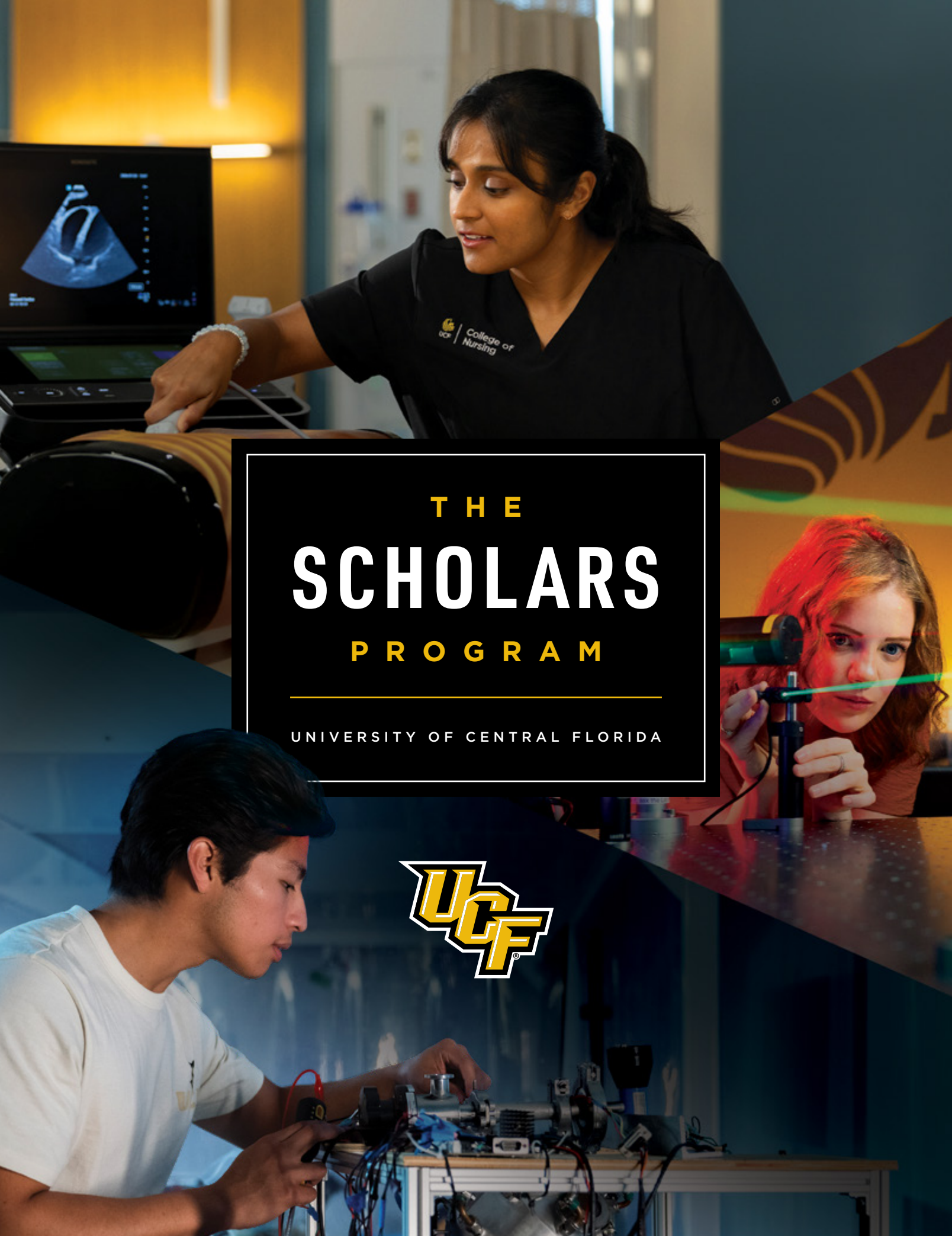




THE
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NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

There are tons of universities to choose from, but more students each year are putting UCF at the top of their list. A major reason is the **dedicated support we provide for our most ambitious students**. National Merit qualifiers receive the following.

› SEMIFINALISTS

- Expedited admission decision
 - Priority consideration for merit scholarships
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› FINALISTS

If you are named a finalist and designate UCF as your first choice with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) by the deadline, you will receive the following scholarships.

Florida Residents

The following awards will be stacked to total your UCF cost of attendance and include:

- Benacquisto Scholarship
- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
- Corporate-sponsored award, NMSC or UCF college-sponsored award

All finalists who are first choice designees also receive:

- Expedited admission decision to UCF
- Guaranteed admission to the Burnett Honors College (upon application) with benefits that include:
 - Priority course registration
 - Special orientation program
 - Access to faculty mentoring
 - Exclusive research and internship opportunities
 - Access to honors student on-campus housing in the Towers at Knights Plaza
- Guaranteed on-campus housing for four years with available housing preference (upon application)



OPPORTUNITIES

Our team is here to help. Take advantage of in-person visits or virtual sessions to get your questions answered, explore your options and get personalized guidance every step of the way.

› IN-PERSON

- Speak with faculty from the Burnett Honors College and the colleges representing your areas of interest
 - Meet current UCF National Merit Scholars
 - Take a private, personalized golf cart tour of the main campus
 - Explore exclusive on-campus housing for honors students in the Towers at Knights Plaza
 - Review the National Merit Scholarship process and UCF program details
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› VIRTUAL

- Speak with faculty from the Burnett Honors College and the colleges representing your areas of interest
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- Visit go.ucf.edu/scholars-program



CHECKLIST

SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER



Submit your application early in the fall semester.

Submit your application online at apply.ucf.edu early in the fall semester. Include a short essay, but **don't** include the \$30 application fee with your submission. Instead, **contact** scholarsprogram@ucf.edu or 407.823.0255 to have the **application fee waived**. UCF also accepts the Common Application. However, the application fee cannot be waived if submitting using that method.



Visit UCF.

To see if UCF is right for you, come visit us. Contact scholarsprogram@ucf.edu to get a personalized or virtual campus tour.



Complete the NMSC application.

To be considered for finalist standing, every semifinalist must complete the NMSC application. In addition, your high school must submit an official transcript and a letter of recommendation. The NMSC also requires SAT or ACT scores for consideration.

JANUARY–FEBRUARY



Apply to the Burnett Honors College.

To be eligible for the many benefits of the Burnett Honors College, you must submit a completed paper application. No portion of the college's application is waived.



Designate UCF as your first-choice institution.

This is an ongoing process with the first available notification provided in early March and continuing in subsequent notification rounds. If you are “undecided” with the NMSC, the last opportunity to designate UCF as your first choice is **May 31**.



Check if you are a National Merit finalist.

The NMSC notifies finalists in February. More than 90% of semifinalists advance to finalist standing. All finalists who are Florida residents and designate UCF as their first choice by the NMSC deadline are guaranteed the UCF National Merit Finalist Scholarship.

MARCH–JUNE



Submit the UCF enrollment deposit.

Submit the \$200 enrollment deposit, which is applied toward your first semester tuition and is not waived as part of your scholarship, by **May 1**.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I be considered for a National Merit Scholarship at UCF?

First you must qualify as a National Merit Scholar semifinalist. You should then apply for admission to UCF. National Merit semifinalists are eligible for scholarship consideration.

Students advancing to National Merit finalist standing are eligible for sponsorship as a National Merit Scholar if they **select UCF as their first-choice institution** and adhere to the deadlines specified by the NMSC. Visit nationalmerit.org for more information.

How do I select UCF as my first choice with the NMSC?

Make your selection with the NMSC and be careful to complete all required documentation in accordance with NMSC guidelines and deadlines. If you have questions or concerns, contact NMSC officials at 847.866.5100 or visit nationalmerit.org.

How can the National Merit Scholarship be used?

The scholarship may be used in addition to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, Florida Prepaid College Plans, institutional scholarships, private scholarships and, in some cases, need-based assistance. It will be applied to tuition and fees first, but can also cover part, or all, of the cost of on-campus housing when combined with other awards.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

16,000
National Merit Semifinalists

15,000
National Merit Finalists

Select UCF as your first choice
with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

2,500
NMSC Awards
(one-time)

**Corporate-
Sponsored Awards**
(amount varies,
one-time or
renewable)

**UCF College-
Sponsored
Awards**
\$500 per year /
\$250 per semester
(renewable)

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