Honors RAP Application Process

The information below outlines the online application for first-year Honors Residential Academic Programs (RAPs) for the 2016-17 academic year.

If you have any questions about Honors RAPs, please email melissa@honors.umass.edu

Note: The only Honors RAPs that require an application are

- Creativity Honors RAP
- Current Topics in Health + Sciences Honors RAP
- Global Learning Honors RAP
- Leadership Honors RAP
- and Isenberg Honors RAPs

BioTAP students are invited to apply to that program; please direct BioTAP questions to bbyers@cns.umass.edu

Step One:

- You must first pay your deposit to be eligible to apply for an Honors RAP.
- You will use your SPIRE ID log in and password to log onto the application site.
- The application will be open until 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 9, 2016.
- Take the math placement test (we recommend by May 20 in order to sign up for an Honors RAP if you are invited).

Step Two:

- To complete the application, you will enter some biographic/demographic information, rank your top two Honors RAP preferences, and complete an open-ended question for each Honors RAP for which you plan to apply. You should answer this as concisely as possible as there is a 200-word limit. You will not be able to save information in the application as you progress through it. You may
find it more helpful to draft the essay in a word processing document, then copy and paste the information into the application. Here is the essay question:

*Using two examples, write an essay (up to 200 words) on why you would like to join the particular Honors RAP to which you are applying.*

- Although the application process is competitive, you should not be deterred from applying. Living in an Honors RAP is a unique experience for each student and we look forward to receiving and reviewing your application.

**Step Three:**

- Applications will be reviewed through mid-May, and accepted students will be contacted no later than May 20 with information about the next step in the process. You will have between May 22-May 25 to enroll in the Honors RAP to which you have been accepted.
- We will not maintain any wait-lists. In the event that there are spaces available after the application process, those will be offered on a first-come basis beginning at noon (EDT) on May 26 (and will remain open until they are filled, until July 14).

**Step Four:**

- You will sign up for the Honors RAP courses associated with your Honors RAP when you attend New Student Orientation. If you don’t attend New Student Orientation, we will work with you to assist you in enrolling in your Honors RAP courses. Any student who does not sign up for their Honors RAP courses will forfeit their Honors RAP space.
- You will need to complete your Housing Preference Application on SPIRE by July 15, confirming your enrollment in an Honors RAP.
- All students will receive their housing assignments on August 5, 2016.

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