

TRANSFER HONORS PROGRAM

Tell your story. Ignite our future.
Serve the world.



MICHAEL (Neuroscience, Spring 2017) started his career at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, where he combined interests in the sciences, psychology, Spanish, and music, and brought the breadth of his talents to Queens College. In his second semester at QC, Michael was accepted into the competitive neuroscience major, an interdisciplinary, research-intensive program created by the departments of psychology and biology, and made plans to continue his education in the medical field after graduation. Although he was exceptionally well-prepared and had the advantage of being an inter-CUNY transfer, Michael was no stranger to the complexities of changing schools. Like many of his peers in the THP, reached out to mentor new students to the program.



Established in spring 2014, the **Transfer Honors Program (THP)** recognizes the remarkable contributions transfer students make to the Queens College community. The THP provides the financial and academic support that talented students need to succeed in their transition to Queens College—and beyond. Through individualized advisement and mentoring, you will be able to take advantage of QC’s range of scholastic opportunities and pursue ambitious programs tailored to your scholarly and career goals.

The THP accepts a select group of creative and highly motivated students every semester. They hail from a wide variety of two- and four-year colleges—from New York and around the world. Our students are aspiring scientists and artists, scholars of literature and the social sciences, business leaders and educators. They take courses and conduct research in all divisions of the college. Within such diversity of interests and origins, our students find in the Transfer Honors Program a community of similarly independent, intellectually curious, and rigorous thinkers. Faculty and peers alike challenge and encourage each other to do consistently outstanding work and to represent to the fullest QC’s motto, *Discimus ut serviamus*—We learn so that we may serve.



◀ MICHAEL

“Transferring from a small 2-year to a 4-year college like Queens College was very intimidating, especially the huge science lecture classes. It’s easy to get lost and feel alone but the THP community was there to help. The THP is my home at Queens College. The program pushes its students to further grow together as scholars and leaders in their communities. The THP has helped me grow out of my comfort zone, allowing me to develop critical skills and experiences that can only make me a stronger leader. After college I will be studying medicine, something I never thought I was capable of.”

Scholarships THP Students Have Won

- Topol Fellowship in Nonviolence Practice
- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
- Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund
- Linakis, Kupferberg Memorial, Queens College Foundation, Steven Errera, Walter Zozulin, Martin Pine, and Dr. Mary McDougall Memorial Scholarships; English Department Writing Prizes; and other departmental and internal awards
- Guttman, Phi Theta Kappa, Paris Svoronos, and other merit scholarships for transfer students
- Campus-wide graduation awards such as the Paul Klapper Scholarship and the Queens College Women's Club Award

Internships THP Students Have Held

- Office of the President of the Borough of Manhattan
- Children's Museum of Arts
- City Sounds of NY
- Mutual of America
- Morgan Stanley
- Goldman Sachs
- Tech Talent Pipeline
- New York City Department of Environmental Protection

Employment and Graduate Programs THP Students Have Entered

- Center for Ethnic, Racial, and Religious Understanding
- Morgan Stanley
- Goldman Sachs
- Brandeis University
- Columbia University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Baruch College/CUNY, Hunter College/CUNY, Graduate Center of the City University of New York



THP Benefits

- Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to full in-state tuition, renewable for up to four semesters of study
- Dedicated academic advisors who support your transition to Queens College and provide assistance in identifying mentors, applying for internal and external awards, and preparing for graduate study and career placement
- Networking and mentoring events and workshops that introduce you to opportunities on campus and beyond
- A devoted Transfer Honors Program course emphasizing discussion and dialogue across majors
- Priority consideration for competitive majors and honors programs
- Opportunities to enroll in graduate course work
- Early registration for classes
- Preferential accommodation for on-campus housing (for students who meet the fall priority deadline)
- A community of creative, highly motivated scholars like you

MEGAN ▶

“The THP has the quality of education every student must seek and every school should offer. When I started at Queens College, I was still hesitant and self-conscious about my intelligence and my language and writing skills, but my professors taught me invaluable lessons and offered their wisdom, experience, advice—and their hearts. The THP encouraged me to stand up for my education and create my own concentration in my major. My THP professors didn’t see their mission end with my admission to QC; when the time came for me to write my thesis, they offered me support and insight. I have come a long way since community college and I feel much better equipped to complete my educational journey. I hope to use my education to foster collaboration between locals in conflicted areas. I aspire to put my education in international law to use in order to advocate for marginalized and minority groups. I aspire to make this world a safer, happier, and more peaceful place.”

MEGAN (History/Honors and the Social Sciences, Fall 2015) came to us from out of state—as well as out of the country. Besides a stint at Jefferson Community and Technical College in Kentucky, Megan had experience as a translator in Iraq before arriving at Queens College. After graduating she served as the Interim Fellowship Coordinator of the Center for Ethnic, Racial, and Religious Understanding at QC. She was offered a full scholarship for her first year at the Heller School of Brandeis University to study coexistence and conflict resolution. From there, Megan’s scholarly path has led to further study of human rights and international law at the University for Peace in Costa Rica.



Requirements/Eligibility

To be eligible for the Transfer Honors Program, you must be a full-time student enrolled in an AA, AS, or BA program with 60 hours completed at the end of the current semester and have at least a 3.5 GPA. You should be able to demonstrate that you have taken courses in composition, the humanities, the social sciences, mathematics, and the laboratory sciences. Students already enrolled at Queens College are not eligible to apply.

As a THP student, you must maintain at least a 3.3 GPA, complete at least 12 credit hours per semester, and participate in an approved honors experience.

Partner Honors Programs

The Transfer Honors Program primarily provides financial and academic support for our students. As a THP student, you are required to engage in an honors experience that suits your scholarly interests and career plans. Our partner honors programs provide options that will help you develop projects and make contacts in your field. Please visit the websites of the divisional and departmental programs for detailed descriptions and information about courses and other requirements.

Divisional Honors Programs and Minors

- **Honors in the Humanities (HTH)** is for students who wish to explore and understand the origins and history of our contemporary artistic and intellectual culture.
qc.cuny.edu/humanitieshonors
- **Honors in the Social Sciences (HSS)** is a rigorous program of study in social science traditions and methods, offering ambitious students the opportunity to work closely with faculty on an original research project.
qc.cuny.edu/socialscienceshonors
- **Honors in Mathematics and Natural Sciences (HMNS)** explores topics that overlap within the disciplines and provides opportunities to conduct and present research.
qc.cuny.edu/mathandnatscihonors



- **Business and Liberal Arts (BALA)** bridges the study of the traditional liberal arts with important business skills required for a successful career. qc.cuny.edu/bala

Partial List of Majors with Honors Tracks

Accounting, Anthropology, Communication Science Disorders, Computer Science, Economics, English, Math, Music, Neuroscience

How to apply

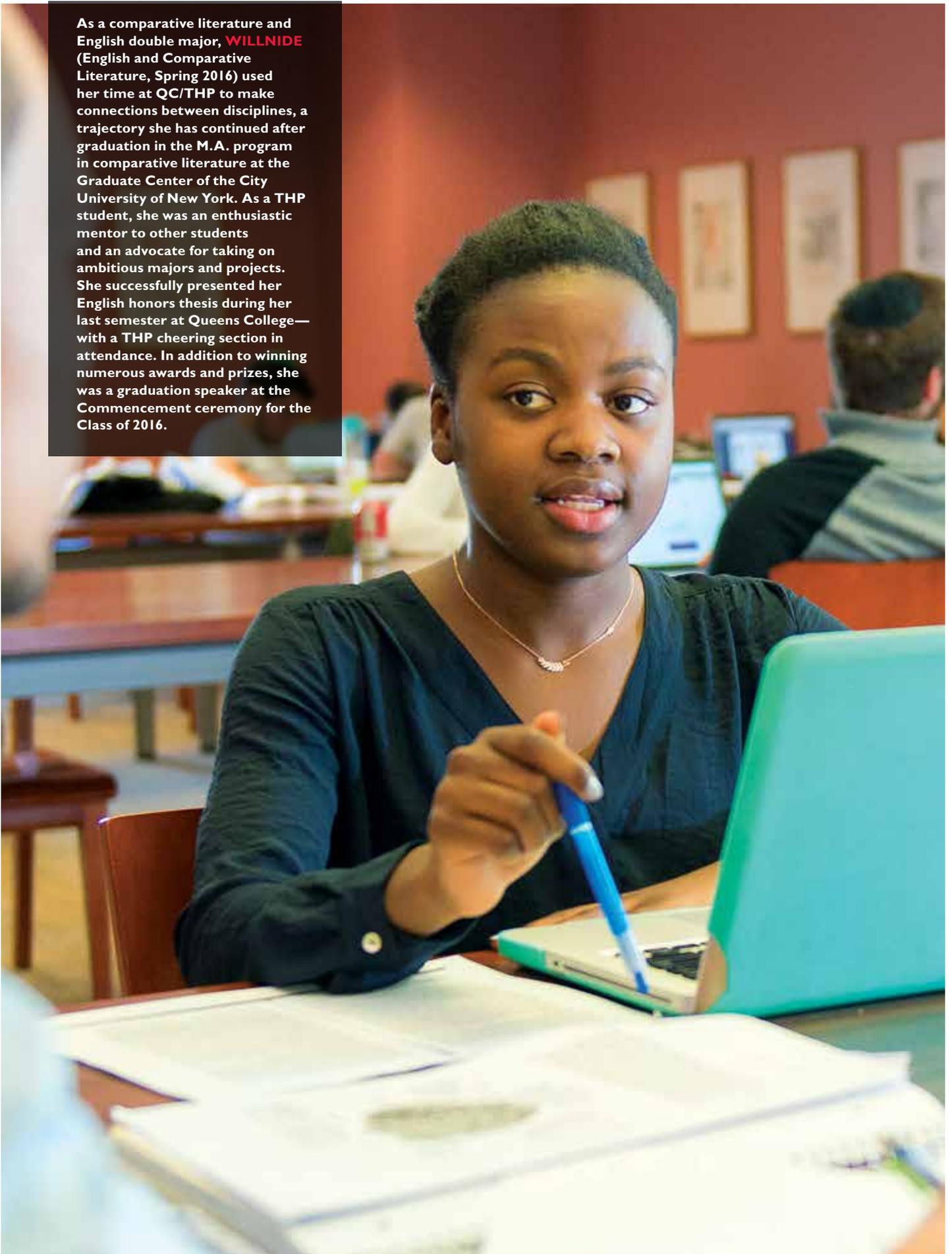
1. Visit www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/honors/scholarships/ for instructions and a link to the application.
2. Complete the application: fill out the supplemental application form and submit it with your personal statement, writing sample, transcript, and a letter of recommendation.

Priority deadlines are May 1 (for Fall admission) and December 1 (for Spring admission). All applications that meet the priority deadline for the term will receive full consideration; after this deadline, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis to fill remaining spots. Please look for additional announcements on our website. Students already enrolled at Queens College are not eligible to apply.

WILLNIDE ▶

“As a member of THP, I had the opportunity to be a part of a community of up-and-coming scholars from various disciplines. Through the networking and mentorship meetings every semester, I was able to acquire more knowledge about graduate school and how I can present my skills to future employers. This program also enabled me to take upper-level courses in my respective departments, and even equipped me to take part in research with notable scholars. Overall, THP made my experience at QC all the more enjoyable.”

As a comparative literature and English double major, **WILLNIDE** (English and Comparative Literature, Spring 2016) used her time at QC/THP to make connections between disciplines, a trajectory she has continued after graduation in the M.A. program in comparative literature at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. As a THP student, she was an enthusiastic mentor to other students and an advocate for taking on ambitious majors and projects. She successfully presented her English honors thesis during her last semester at Queens College—with a THP cheering section in attendance. In addition to winning numerous awards and prizes, she was a graduation speaker at the Commencement ceremony for the Class of 2016.





Transfer Honors Program



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Transfer Honors Program Application

Please Print or Type

SECTION 1: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Pronouns _____
Last (family name) First Middle

Email Address _____

Address _____
Number and Street Apt. # City State Zip Code

Day Telephone No. _____ Evening Telephone No. _____

Social Security No. (last 4 digits only) _____ Date of Birth _____

SECTION 2: ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Please list all colleges attended, beginning with the most recent. Include dates attended for each.

If currently enrolled in classes, list all courses in progress, including anticipated Summer School courses.

Date of Graduation (if applicable) Month _____ Year _____ GPA _____

Degree Awarded: Associate of Arts (AA) Associate of Science (AS)
 Bachelor of Arts (BA) Other (please specify) _____

*Please note: students who have already earned a four-year degree are not eligible; students who hold an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) will only be considered if they have enough transferable credits to complete a major with an honors component in four semesters.

Honors or academic enrichment programs in which you have participated and awards you have received:

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Describe your membership/leadership roles in honorary associations, clubs, and other campus activities:

Recent work experience (past two years: in and out of school; please indicate how many hours per week):

Provide any supplemental information not requested elsewhere in this application that you feel should be considered (e.g., special skills and talents, physical challenges, family circumstances, obstacles overcome, etc.) Attach an extra page if needed.

Participation in the Transfer Honors Program requires that you do honors-level independent research or work in your field (major and/or minor). Please tell us what research topics excite you. How you might use Queens College resources to engage in this work? (Note: most students fulfill the honors-experience requirement through pre-existing departmental or divisional honors tracks; see www.qc.cuny.edu/transferhonors for examples.)

SECTION 3: ESSAY

On a separate page, in an essay of approximately 500 words, tell us more about your intellectual and educational experiences and aspirations. What inspired you to choose your present major and career? What are your ultimate educational goals? If you have ever faced academic challenges, how did you overcome them?

SECTION 4: WRITING SAMPLE

All students must submit a writing sample from a class (approximately 5-7 pages long). Students who plan to major in the humanities or social sciences should submit a research paper from a class related to their major. Students in other majors should submit a research paper completed for a composition or writing-intensive class.

SECTION 5

I certify that all of the information I have provided above is true and accurate.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Submit the application, including essay, writing sample, and transcript(s) to transferhonors@qc.cuny.edu.

Mail an official transcript for each college attended to:

Transfer Honors Program
Queens College, CUNY
Honors Hall, Room 2
65-30 Kissena Boulevard
Queens, NY 11367

Questions? Call 718-997-5519 or email Transferhonors@qc.cuny.edu.



Transfer Honors Scholarship Program Faculty Recommendation

To the Applicant: Please complete the top portion of this form and forward it to your instructor for a recommendation, which must be typed on college letterhead.

Please Print

Name _____
Last (family name) First Middle

Signature _____

To the Recommender: The above-named individual is applying for a Queens College scholarship. Your evaluation is important to the selection process. Please send us your typed recommendation on college letterhead.

Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

As part of your evaluation, please tell us what you can about this person’s academic potential: research, writing, and critical thinking abilities; class participation; and motivation. If appropriate, please rank this candidate in relation to other high-achieving students. Please include any additional information about extracurricular, volunteer, or community activities that you feel the Scholarship Committee should know about this student.

Thank you for your help.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED EVALUATION AS FOLLOWS:

Submit an email copy of the evaluation form and letter to Transferhonors@qc.cuny.edu.
The evaluation must be sent from a college email address. Please use letterhead for your letter.

Questions? Call 718-997-5519 or email Transferhonors@qc.cuny.edu.

