

Shohrae Hajibashi Memorial Leadership Award Instructions

Shohrae Hajibashi served on the Student InterCouncil from 2004-2011 in many roles, including President from 2007-2008. During her time at UTHealth Houston, Shohrae worked towards her MD/PhD and dedicated much of her free time to student leadership. As a charismatic leader, she brought together and led a diverse group of students both at UTHealth Houston and at the UT System Student Advisory Council, making difficult decisions and fighting for the students that she so passionately represented. Her spirit, sunny outlook, and leadership brightened the campus, and her laughter was infectious as she touched the lives of so many UTHealth Houston students, faculty, and staff.

Shohrae passed away in January 2011 after fighting a long and courageous battle with cancer. Remembered forever in our hearts, she has left a wonderful legacy of leadership at UTHealth Houston. In fiscal year 2012, the Student InterCouncil, in memory of Shohrae's legacy, began the Shohrae Hajibashi Memorial Leadership Award, which will be given each year to a UTHealth Houston student involved in student leadership who demonstrates the passion, selflessness, compassion, and leadership capabilities Shohrae embodied during her time at UTHealth Houston.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a current student in good academic standing at one of the UTHealth Houston schools.
- Must be enrolled at least part time at the UTHealth Houston school applying under.
 - Must be attending the UTHealth Houston School indicated on application for the duration of the academic year for which the application is being submitted.
 - Recipients will be chosen in January 2026. Must be a registered student during the Spring 2026 term.
- Student must be involved in student leadership at UTHealth Houston in some capacity.
- Students related in any way to a [current UT Board of Regent member](#) are not eligible according to Senate Bill 1325.
- **Selected scholarship recipients agree to attend the annual SIC Deans' Reception Dinner to receive their award (April 2026).**

Application instructions:

Before applying, applicants should ensure that they meet all eligibility and submittal requirements. Applicants should follow directions carefully and complete all application sections. Any applications not in compliance with any of the details specified may be disqualified. The committee **will not** consider late applications **or** any additions to the application once it has been submitted. All application materials must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026.**

Checklist:

- Application
- UTHealth Houston Faculty or Staff letter of recommendation
- Self-written essay focusing on questions within the application (each question will be limited to 500 words).
 - How would you describe leadership and how does one become an effective leader?
 - The top three qualities (or attributes) of a good leader? Of these, which do you consider your greatest strength and why?
 - Provide one example of your role as a leader on a team or on a project at UTHealth Houston. Please describe your role and the impact on yourself and your team.
- Current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume that indicates leadership roles

This scholarship is not a qualifying competitive scholarship and will not allow a nonresident student to pay the Texas resident tuition and fee rate at a participating public institution in the state of Texas.

If you have any issues, and/or experience any problems completing this application, please contact Ms. Tanedra Booker at tanedra.booker@uth.tmc.edu.