To be eligible for the departmental honors program, students must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average overall and a minimum 3.5 grade point average in Latino and Caribbean Studies courses. Interested majors are encouraged to apply toward the end of their junior year. Students are admitted to the program by recommendation of a faculty advisor and approval from the Undergraduate Director. To graduate with honors, students complete a year-long (6 credits) independent research project that culminates in a formal thesis or a creative work or community-based program with a critical introduction. *In some cases, a one-semester project is possible (for example, if a student continues research begun in a seminar, upper-level course, or internship program).*

**APPLICATION:**

Submit to the Undergraduate Director a typed, double-spaced statement (minimum 600 words) that describes your proposed project.

**NAME:**

**MAJOR/MINOR:**

**If you are in the Rutgers Honors College or SAS Honors Program, are you using the LCS Honors Program to fulfill a requirement?**

**ADVISOR(S):**

**PROJECT TITLE/TOPIC (1-2 pages in final version; drafts accepted for discussion):**

The overview must include the following components:

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of your topic and research question/thesis

\_\_\_\_\_ Brief synopsis of the present state of knowledge in the area in which you will be working

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of research methods and methodology

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of your research goals

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of how your study will contribute to the advancement of our knowledge

about the topic

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of any preliminary work already completed

\_\_\_\_\_ Bibliography (proper scholarly citations; annotated preferred)

E-mail the proposal as a Word document to your advisor and the Undergraduate Director: **advising@lcs.rutgers.edu**

**SCHEDULE:**

Spring of Junior Year: -notification of eligibility in January

-meet with potential advisor

-application and proposal due May 1

-register for Honors Research in Latino and Caribbean Studies in the fall (01:595:498)

Fall of Senior Year: -meet regularly with advisor

-if required, complete Human Subject Certification and submit proposal to the Institutional Review Board

-research and writing (01:595:498)

-register for Honors Research in Latino and Caribbean Studies in the spring (01:595:499)

Spring of Senior Year: -meet regularly with advisor

-complete research and writing; revisions (01:595:499)

-if participating in a student conference, prepare an abstract

-defend/present a full draft of the project before mid-April

-submit final, polished copy of the project by the end of the semester

Note:

To be eligible for the **SAS Henry Rutgers Scholar Award**, you must complete a full draft of the Honors project by **mid-April**.

Students who are nominated must be scheduled to present at a department’s undergraduate honors symposium, at the Interdisciplinary Honors Thesis Conference, at the Aresty Research Symposium, or at another conference.

Students may apply for funding for their projects through the Aresty Research Center:

<https://aresty.rutgers.edu/programs/fellowships/research-funding>