

Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College

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History/Mission/Purpose

The mission of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College (SMBHC) is to attract a diverse body of high-performing students to The University of Mississippi and provide them a vibrant center of academic excellence to help them become outstanding in their fields and citizen-scholars of their communities and the world. Founded in 1997 through a gift from Jim and Sally Barksdale, the Honors College is designed for highly motivated students who thrive in small classes and seminars that emphasize reading, writing, and discussion.

