

## **Macaulay Honors College Receives Nearly a Half-Million Dollars from the Chancellor's Strategic Investment Initiative Funds**

**(November 19, 2015, New York, NY)** - Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of \$485,000 from the Chancellor's Strategic Investment Initiative funds. Macaulay will use the grants for two separate initiatives: one grant to develop environmental studies programs with leading international institutions outside the U.S., and the second grant for developing industry-relevant, applied degree programs and certificates in the emerging fields of computer science, including data analytics, management, and visualization.

"We are thrilled to receive this funding that will help Macaulay advance CUNY's priorities of strengthening global perspective and practice, and increasing opportunities for experiential learning," says Macaulay Dean Ann Kirschner. "Our school instills in Macaulay students an appreciation of hands-on projects that address real world problems."

In recognition that the grand challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss are global, the **International Partnerships for Global Environmental Change Management** grant for \$288,000 proposes collaborations with seven leading universities with high-quality environmental studies programs in countries such as Brazil, Chile, India, Indonesia, Israel and Mexico. This year, Macaulay students already will be participating in the college's first field study program in partnership with the University of Havana's department of biology and institute for marine biology research. Given that climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental toxification cross international boundaries, students in this field should have a global understanding of these issues.

For the **CUNY Partnership for Professional Development in Applied Data Analysis** grant for \$196,550, Macaulay proposes to work with four partners across CUNY (the Business School of the College of Staten Island, the Graduate School of Journalism, the School of Public Health, and the Masters in Data Analytics program of the School of Professional Studies) and partners in the New York tech sector to develop industry-relevant, applied degree programs and certificates in the emerging fields of computer science, including data analytics, management, and visualization. Macaulay already has designed, with the assistance and oversight of CUNY faculty and tech industry representatives, a Data Science concentration and major, which includes a link to an industry advisor as well as an academic advisor, and pre-professional internship placements.

**About Macaulay Honors College**

Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York offers exceptional students a uniquely personalized education with access to the vast resources of the nation's largest urban university and the largest city, New York City. Selected for their top high school records and leadership potential, Macaulay students receive a full tuition scholarship, a laptop and technology support, and an Opportunities Fund to pursue global learning, research and service opportunities. Macaulay students enroll in one of eight CUNY senior colleges: Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, and Queens Colleges and the College of Staten Island. For more information, see [macaulay.cuny.edu](http://macaulay.cuny.edu).

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