Honors in Action (HIA) projects require substantive academic investigation of a theme related to the Society’s current Honors Study Topic. The theme you select should be the lens through which you explore the Honors Study Topic, and it should directly connect to and provide supporting evidence for the development of the action component of your project. Honors in Action Projects require you to address a need in your community that was discovered through your research and analysis into the Society’s current Honors Study Topic.

INVESTIGATE AND ANALYZE

Review the Honors Program Guide. Explore each theme, noting which topics resonate with your team.

Develop research objectives to guide your research into a specific theme.

Investigate academic sources with varied viewpoints related to your research question.

Reflect on and analyze your research to develop research conclusions.

ACT AND COLLABORATE

Consider how your research findings manifest locally; identify a real-world problem related to your academic research that requires action, and brainstorm possible solutions.

Develop action objectives to address the local problem identified by your research findings.

Set collaboration objectives and develop a communication plan that includes members of your Honors in Action team and your collaborators.

Identify collaborators on campus and in your community.

Execute your plan of action and your communication plan.

ASSESS AND REFLECT

Reflect on and evaluate your academic research, action, and project collaboration.

Assess teamwork and how members grew as scholars and leaders throughout the process.

Check the HIA Planning Rubric to be sure you address all components of the HIA Hallmark Award entry.

Write, edit, and submit your team’s HIA Hallmark Award entry.

Celebrate your success!