

East Tennessee State University

**HONORS IN BIOLOGY
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. What is the relationship of Honors Biology to the Honors College at ETSU?

The Honors College provides an “umbrella” for all honors programs. Undergraduate Research Honors Programs (URHP), like Biology, are centered in individual departments and overseen by an Honors Coordinator. All URHP programs are also administered by the Associate Director of Undergraduate Research in the Honors College. Our Honors students are members of the Department of Biological Sciences, College of Arts & Sciences, and the Honors College.

2. Do all Honors Biology scholars receive a scholarship?

Yes. URHP students will receive a \$2500 scholarship for the academic year (\$1250 each semester). Students must maintain academic standards set by the department and Honors College to maintain the scholarship. Scholarships are stackable with other ETSU scholarships such as the Academic Performance Scholarships (APS).

3. What does “good standing in honors” really mean?

Each semester, Honors Biology scholars must maintain an overall **GPA of 3.25 and a GPA in Biology (only) courses of 3.6**. In addition, they must be progressing thru their honors and their science courses in a timely fashion. GPAs and timely progress are monitored on a semester basis. If a student fails to meet the GPA requirement any semester, they are placed “on probation” and given a semester to requalify for good standing. A student “on probation” who fails to meet the GPA requirements for a second contiguous semester will continue on probation but will lose their honors scholarship (permanently). After two semesters of probationary status, students who do not meet requirements for a third semester will be dismissed from the honors program.

4. What benefits do Biology Honors students receive?

Biology Honors scholars receive priority registration each semester (enroll before “other” seniors, for example). These honors students receive advisement each semester, with an academic advisor in CASE (College of Arts & Sciences).