

BIOLOGY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Any Biology major working toward the requirements below is considered a Biology Scholar. Any student who completes the below requirements earns Biology Departmental Honors and will be recognized at graduation, receive a certificate from the department, and have this designation noted on their transcript.

- 1. Complete 6 hours of Independent Research (BIO 394, BIO 395, BIO 397, or BIO 398).
- 2. Have an overall 3.5 GPA upon graduation.
- 3. Complete two biology scholars courses OR two 400G*, 500 or 600** level course that is an accepted Biology elective (check here), or a combination of a BIO scholars course and a 400G/500/600 Biology elective course.
- 4. Publicly present your research results or write a thesis. Presentations can take many forms such as a talk or poster at a professional meeting or to some other group larger than a research lab. The University hosts an undergraduate research poster session late in each Spring semester. A thesis is also acceptable (see UK thesis guidelines); contact DUS for more information on the thesis.
- 5. Complete the Biology Scholars Application during the semester of your planned graduation

*To receive Scholars credit for a 400G course, you must complete the "G", or graduate level, course requirements. Inform your instructor that you would like to use the course as a Scholars course and submit written verification from them that you completed the "G" requirements of the course.

**600 level courses require special permission to register. Complete the "Undergraduate Enrollment in a Graduate-Level Course" form.

All courses used to satisfy Biology Scholars requirements must be taken for a letter grade.

For additional information, please email biology@uky.edu.

