The Honors College offers a comprehensive honors program for students of high academic promise and achievement. Founded in 1959, the college fosters innovation in research, teaching, and learning through an independently created liberal arts curriculum, engaged faculty, and an active living-learning community.

Our distinctive honors classes focus on inquiry, collaboration, and personal interaction and can fulfill nearly half of Ball State’s core curriculum requirements. Located in the Edmund F. and Virginia B. Ball Honors House on campus, the Honors College fosters a four-year academic, leadership, and social experience in which students maximize their potential through exploration and discovery.
The Honors Undergraduate Fellows Program partners outstanding students with productive faculty mentors to work on scholarly projects. The students get to delve into previously unexplored academic areas, while the faculty members share the enjoyment of research and learning. More than 40 students receive funding each year for one or two semesters, and they typically share the results at regional, national, or international professional meetings.

In the past 10 years, 21 Honors College students have won Fulbright U.S. Student Awards, taking them to 11 different countries for nearly a year to teach English, conduct research, or earn a master’s degree.

Thirteen of our students have received Goldwater Scholarships or honorable mentions, recognizing their outstanding potential as future researchers in the natural sciences, engineering, or math.

Three different Honors College students have won four Critical Language Scholarships to facilitate intensive study of Arabic, Korean, and Swahili.

Eleven of our students were selected to participate in fully funded Fulbright U.K. Summer Institutes.

Two recent Honors College graduates received National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships.

Seven Honors College students have won the Udall Scholarship and five others received honorable mention, recognizing their commitment to addressing environmental problems.