Honors College Admissions

Admission to the Honors College at East Carolina University is competitive and by invitation only. Students wishing to be considered for admission into the Honors College or any of its programs first need to meet minimum eligibility criteria to receive an invitation to apply:

- Submit a completed application for undergraduate admission to East Carolina University by the deadline of October 15, 2021. A completed application includes high school transcripts received by ECU.
  - Application fee waivers are available for those who qualify.
- Meet the following minimum criteria within the high school achievement categories:
  - Minimum un-weighted GPA of 3.5 or minimum weighted GPA of 4.0
  - SAT & ACT scores will not be considered in our admissions process. Students not submitting test scores will not be at a disadvantage in our admission process.

Students who meet the above criteria will receive an invitation by mail within the ECU acceptance packet to complete the Honors College application online. The deadline for submitting the completed Honors College application and all associated materials is November 15, 2021.

Honors College Scholarships

Each Honors College student will receive a four-year scholarship. The Honors College scholarship may be stacked on top of additional scholarships, grants, and financial aid. This includes additional scholarship programs administered through the Honors College. Honors College scholarships are renewable for a maximum term of eight consecutive semesters of undergraduate work, provided students remain in good standing with the Honors College. Additional information about the value of all Honors College scholarships is below:

Centennial Fellows (100)

Centennial Fellows receive a scholarship valued at $2,500 per year for four years, along with all of the benefits associated with participation in the Honors College.

Chancellor's Fellows (80)

Chancellor’s Fellows receive a scholarship valued at the amount of in-state tuition for up to eight semesters, along with all of the benefits associated with participation in the Honors College. This tuition scholarship does NOT include room and board or university fees. It is a tuition only scholarship.

EC Scholars (20)

The EC Scholars Award Program provides students with a scholarship valued at nearly $64,000, honors level coursework, research opportunities, and a required study abroad experience. EC Scholars are presented with unique internship placements, seminars, and a series of impact experiences including a pre-college trip to Ocracoke. All students invited to apply to the Honors College are eligible and highly encouraged to apply for the EC Scholars Award. The EC Scholar Award involves an additional application and a two minute video component. Finalists are invited to campus for face-to-face interviews.

Early Assurance Programs (NC residents only)

The Honors College also features Early Assurance programs to our nationally recognized Brody School of Medicine (MD) and graduate programs in physical therapy (DPT), nursing (PhD), and audiology (AuD or PhD). Selected students are guaranteed admission to these programs upon completion of their undergraduate degree provided they satisfy stated requirements. In each program, selected students are also exempt from the graduate admission test requirement.
Honors College Admissions Timeline | Fall 2022 Entering Class

August 2021: East Carolina University undergraduate admissions application opens

October 15, 2021: East Carolina University undergraduate admissions application priority deadline. A completed East Carolina University undergraduate admissions application must be submitted by 11:59pm on this date to remain eligible for invitation to complete the Honors College online application. A completed application includes high school transcripts.

November 15, 2021: Honors College application deadline for invited students. The Honors College application and all associated materials must be submitted by 11:59pm on this date. A completed application includes all essays and recommendation completed.

January 31, 2022: Targeted notification date for Honors College admission decisions and finalist decisions for EC Scholars and Early Assurance Programs. Notifications are made by regular mail.

February 20, 2022: Selection Sunday for finalists invited to compete for EC Scholars.

February 21, 2022: Early Assurance Interviews for finalists invited to compete for Early Assurance Programs.

March 7, 2022: Targeted notification date for all award decisions for EC Scholars and Early Assurance Programs.

April 15, 2022: Enrollment deposit deadline for all students admitted to the Honors College, EC Scholars awards, and Early Assurance Programs. Students must accept our offer in ECUAward and pay their enrollment deposit to officially accept their spot in the Honors College.

June 2022: Summer Orientation (required of incoming Honors students).

The Honors College Advantage

- The Honors College Scholarship
- Priority registration of classes each semester
- Graduate-level privileges at ECU Libraries
- Honors study room in Joyner Library
- A community of academically motivated peers
- Specialized Honors academic curriculum
- Living-Learning experiences in Ballard Hall*
- Access to the Innovation Design Lab
- Community networking opportunities
- Unique research and internship opportunities
- Priority admission to select graduate programs
- Additional academic advising support

* ECU requires first-year students with a permanent address outside a 35-mile radius of campus to live on campus.