The BioScholar Program provides renewable four-year scholarships to outstanding undergraduate students in the Biological Sciences at the University of Kansas. Currently these scholarship funds include:

- Robert and Lillian Bell BioScholar Fund
- Haller-Silva Biosciences Merit Scholarship
- Smiley-Gilligan Family BioScholar Fund
- Elio Schaechter BioScholar Scholarship
- Howieson BioScholar Scholarship
- Jim A. Orr BioScholar Scholarship

Requirements

- Pursue and declare a major in Biological Sciences beginning freshman year.
- Maintain a 3.25 grade point average.
- Maintain involvement in a research program with a faculty member within the Biological Sciences.
- Provide brief, annual statement explaining the benefits of the scholarship and the nature of your academic pursuits and goals.
- Participation in the Biological Sciences Alumni Board Spring Mixer (Poster Presentation).

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Students selected into this program would be provided the following educational opportunities:

- Wide variety of degree programs, from interdisciplinary—Human Biology—to discipline-based—Biochemistry, Biology, Cell Biology, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Genetics, Organismal Biology, Neurobiology, Teaching Biology, Microbiology, and Molecular Biosciences (Edwards campus only).

- Participation in the Biology Honors Program (including undergraduate research experiences and Honors seminars).

- A mentoring program from faculty that may begin in the first semester.

- An extensive undergraduate research experience including:
  - Mentoring from graduate students and other advanced undergraduates.
  - Travel to scientific meetings and presentation of the undergraduate research project.

**Additional educational experiences:**

Undergraduate teaching experiences: upper-level students could be appointed as undergraduate teaching assistants and assist with the instruction of undergraduate laboratories.

**Leadership training:**

Students would be given the opportunity to participate in:

- Biology Majors Advisory Committee, which provides advice and counsel to the Director of the Undergraduate Biology Program.

- Student organizations such as Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, the Biology Club, Pre-Med Club and Environs.

**Opportunities for pre-professional development:**

- Summer internships with biotechnology, environmental or other corporate sponsors.

- Volunteer opportunities within the medical field (e.g. emergency room, physician offices).

- Summer internships with research laboratories on the KU Campus, the KU Medical Center, and other universities that offer summer research experiences for undergraduates.