

Opportunities & Expectations

Each academic year within the Natural Sciences Fellows Program addresses a specific area of personal and professional growth. These areas – as well as key experiential learning opportunities – are provided as follows:



Natural Sciences Fellows membership includes a \$3,000 Scholarship renewable annually based upon academic performance and program guidelines. (See page 9).

Year 1 Creating Community & Developing a Professional Identity

- Receive coaching on professionalism while working with natural sciences faculty and interacting with visiting scientists.
- Attend fellows-only courses.
- Set personal, academic, and professional goals, and establish a plan of action required to achieve those goals.
- Develop a professional identity and prepare a professional portfolio that effectively communicates that identity with potential internship sponsors, summer research programs, employers, and/or graduate and professional programs.
- Enjoy “backstage” access to informal discussions with world- renowned scientists who present their work at High Point University.
- Travel with other fellows and faculty to a city rich with experiences relevant to careers in the natural sciences and health professions.

Year 2 Leadership Through Service to the Community

- Receive leadership and broader cultural awareness training that in preparation for work with diverse populations.
- Opportunity to work with HPU's Mobile Science Lab to share appreciation of science with local children.
- Assume a leadership role within academic major by serving as a peer mentor to 1st year students.
- Work with other fellows to plan STEM-related service-learning projects.
- Travel with other fellows and faculty to an area in North Carolina rich with experiences relevant to careers in the natural sciences.
- Continue to hone professional communication skills and enjoy “backstage” access to informal discussions with world-renowned scientists.
- Receive coaching on professional portfolios to accurately reflect the rich experiences provided through the Natural Sciences Fellows program.

