A Researcher's View of the University Honors Program

The University Honors Program is an undergraduate academic program aimed at exceptional students who exhibit top performance in their academic activities. Students in the Honors Program earn Honors credit for specific honors courses, interdisciplinary seminars, and independent projects within existing courses. They are also required to produce a significant Honors Research Thesis (usually during their senior year) under the supervision of a full-time faculty member or researcher. Features of the program are:

- Stimulating and challenging courses and activities
- Small classes, often fewer than 15 students
- Close contact with faculty and other academically talented students
- Enhanced attention to developing important academic competencies, especially writing, critical thinking, and engaging in research
- An opportunity to be recognized as Honors Scholars at commencement and on their diploma and transcript.

A valuable resource for the UAHuntsville research community

The Honors program offers a group of qualified, motivated, energetic, high-achieving undergraduate students possessing the following:

- Ability to perform research under experienced mentors and senior researchers
- Ability to present their work, both as presentations and in publications
- Interest in research careers and advanced degrees, often intending to get Ph.D.'s
- Experience in several disciplines including social sciences and humanities
- Desire for recognition and academic credit for their participation in the program

How you can benefit directly from these resources

Identify promising undergraduate and/or potential graduate research assistants by:

- Teaching an 80 minute one-day-a-week research class for a selected group of students.
- Teaching a regular course with a strong research component.
- Supervising a student's Honors Research Thesis.
- Sponsor a student through a for-credit internship in a research environment

Build on freely available research results produced by Honors Research theses.

How you can support the Honors Program

- Identify promising undergraduates to participate in the program.
- Identify opportunities for honors internships at local research institutions.
- Provide incentives for faculty and staff to teach Honors Program courses, seminars, and mentor undergraduate research.