



Edward O. Wilson

GRFP Recipient: 1952

Undergraduate Institution:

B.S. 1949, University of Alabama

Graduate Institution:

M.S. 1950, University of Alabama;

Ph.D. 1955, Harvard University

Graduate Field of Study:

Life Sciences



Current Position:

University Research Professor,
Emeritus and Honorary
Curator in Entomology,
Harvard University

RESEARCH INTERESTS //

Edward O. Wilson's research focuses on evolutionary biology with a particular emphasis on the study of insects, particularly ants, and encompasses social behavior of insects and sociobiology, biogeography and ethical philosophy. Wilson has mentored nearly 30 Ph.D. students over his tenure. He won the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction for two of his books, "On Human Nature" and "The Ants." Wilson is known for his skills in translating science for a general audience. His more than 110 national and international awards and honors in science, letters, and conservation place him among the most decorated and widely known scientists of modern times.

AWARDS/ HONORS //

- Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1959)
- Member, National Academy of Sciences (1969)
- National Medal of Science (1976)
- Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction, "On Human Nature" (1979)
- Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction, "The Ants" (1991)
- AAAS Award for Public Understanding of Science and Technology, American Association for the Advancement of Science (1994)
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Time magazine (2001)

POSITION PROFILE //

- 1949 - Entomologist, Alabama Department of Conservation
- 1973 - President, Society for the Study of Evolution
- 1989-90 - President, Xerces Society
University research professor,
Emeritus, Harvard University
- Honorary curator in entomology, Harvard University Foundation (1981)

