Several qualifications are considered assets for hire either as an instructional/academic staff or tenure-track faculty member in the Honors program at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls.

Candidates for undergraduate faculty status have earned at least a Master’s degree in an area that provided training related to the core competencies of the Honors Program.

In addition, they have a record of research, scholarship, and achievement that includes:

- Research completed in the last three years related to the competencies, and/or
- Professional development completed in the last three years related to the competencies, and/or
- Clinical experience completed in the last five years related to the competencies, and/or
- Peer-reviewed works related to the competencies, and/or
- Other professional activities related to the core competencies, and/or
- Experience with undergraduate research, scholarly, and/or creative activities

According to the Higher Learning Commission, “faculty teaching in undergraduate programs should hold a degree at least one level above that of the program in which they are teaching” (e.g. at least a master’s degree or equivalent).