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Quick Facts

- Frye was one of only five students chosen to receive an American Society of Primatology grant.
- The Saltville, Virginia, earned her M.S. in biology from Winthrop.



Brett Frye

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – **Brett Frye '12**, who earned an M.S. in **biology** from Winthrop, has received a **prestigious research grant** from the **American Society of Primatologists (ASP)**.

The \$1,250 grant will provide funding for **Frye's doctoral research** at Clemson University, where she is pursuing a Ph.D. in biological sciences. **Frye** was one of only five students chosen to receive an ASP grant, which will fund the use of hormonal analyses for her study. **Frye's research**, "Prenatal Androgen Exposure in Captive Female Callitrichine Primates: Immediate and Prolonged Effects of Morphology, Physiology, and Behavior," focuses on the study of the **reproductive biology and behavior of Tamarin monkeys**.

The Saltville, Virginia, native said that she was honored and surprised to receive an **ASP grant** – the **first significant grant** to fund her research.

"Receiving my first substantial grant from an organization that I hold in exceptionally high esteem is wonderful," said Frye. "It is an honor that I was able to capture their interest with my project."

Frye earned B.S. degrees in chemistry and biology at Emory & Henry College in Emory, Virginia. During her time at Winthrop, she was able to **gain experience in a research setting** as well as develop and design her own project.

Winthrop Biology Professor **Janice Chism**, one of Frye's mentors, said the award speaks to the promise of her research.

"Brett has made great connections already with some of the most prominent and well-regarded primatologists who are very excited about the direction of her research," said Chism. "This is one more piece of evidence that our M.S. program does an excellent job of preparing students to go on to success in their fields of biology."

Overall, **Frye** described her **Winthrop experience** as "invaluable."

"I was able to develop the skills I need to succeed in this field, and I developed profound relationships that continue to shape me as a scientist and a person," said Frye.

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