UNK BRIN/INBRE Contract – Students will be expected to sign this when the return to UNK and each fall thereafter.

What is expected from BRIN/INBRE scholars? BRIN/INBRE scholars will:
1. work with your faculty mentor fall & spring semesters for a minimum of 10 hours per week & 2nd summer for a minimum of 20 hours per week, under the supervision of the faculty mentor or other responsible party. BRIN/INBRE scholars are not allowed to work in the laboratory in the evenings or weekends alone, unless deemed appropriate by your mentor (e.g., computer analysis, media preparation, fly collection, etc.). Additional paid campus positions are discouraged. However, if you work an additional paid campus position(s), it(they) cannot exceed 10 hours per week, as undergraduates are only legally able to work a maximum of 20 paid hours a week on campus. For example, this includes the Undergraduate Research Fellows program, work study, etc. (mandatory*)
2. become familiar with the literature on your research project.
3. keep a detailed laboratory notebook that must be left with the faculty mentor after completion of your program.
4. become adept at techniques required by your research project so that eventually you can be independent in the lab.
5. work on only one research project with one mentor in one department at a time. For example, you will not be allowed to work on your BRIN project at the same time you are working on a project with a Chemistry professor.
6. write abstracts and make oral or poster presentations for professional society meetings. Be provided monetary support for one professional society meeting (NCUR is included) for the two-year period that you are a scholar.
7. attend the annual Nebraska Academy of Science meeting (mandatory*)
8. attend the annual BRIN/INBRE meeting (mandatory*)
9. complete the Responsible Conduct of Research training before beginning lab work (mandatory*)
10. maintain a level of conduct that will not embarrass yourself or your mentor, including attitude, behavior or dress. (mandatory*)
12. be evaluated at the end of each semester (Fall/Spring/Summer) and informed of problems with participation or progress. If needed, a plan of action will be enforced that may include termination from the BRIN program. * Failure to adhere to mandatory policy is a breach of this contract and can result in immediate termination as a scholar. Termination means immediate loss of stipend and all privileges associated with the program.

What can BRIN/INBRE students can expect from their faculty mentors? Your faculty mentor will:
1. provide you with a thorough explanation of the project on which you will be working.
2. provide you access to on-line journals from professional societies to which your mentor is a member.
3. assist you in setting up a reasonable work schedule.
4. provide you with a laboratory notebook.
5. assist you in learning the proper laboratory techniques necessary to complete your project.
6. supervise you in the laboratory until you and your mentor are confident you can complete the work on your own. BRIN/INBRE scholars are not allowed to work in the laboratory in the evenings or weekends alone, unless deemed appropriate by your mentor (e.g., computer analysis, media preparation, fly collection, etc.).
7. assist you in ordering the materials necessary to complete your research.
8. assist you in submitting an abstract and registering for a professional society meeting.
9. assist you in preparing an oral or poster presentation for a professional society meeting.
10. make travel arrangements to attend a professional society meeting.
11. evaluate you on a semester basis and inform you of your progress and participation.

By signing this contract, I understand that if I, as a BRIN/INBRE scholar, do not meet the terms of this contract, I can be immediately terminated as a BRIN/INBRE scholar with the loss of privileges and stipend.

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Signature, BRIN/INBRE student
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Signature, BRIN/INBRE mentor
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