**UNK Biology Online**

**Biol 831 Research Application Form**

**WHAT ARE THE RESEARCH CREDITS--ARE THEY REQUIRED**?-- Students admitted Fall 2017 or later may take 6 elective hours of BIOL 831 (Students will only receive program credit if all 6 credits are completed satisfactorily). Every credit hour of research is a different portion of the project that must be completed in order. The following timeline is recommended:

Semester 1 - BIOL 831A (First Credit) Hypothesis and Connecting with Faculty Mentor

Semester 2 - BIOL 831B (Second Credit) Materials and Methods (take concurrently with BIOL 831C)

BIOL 831C (Third Credit) Annotated Bibliography (take concurrently with BIOL 831B)

Semester 3 - BIOL 831D (Fourth Credit) Data Collection (actual doing of your research project - enroll in this credit the term you will finish data collection)

Semester 4 - BIOL 831E (Fifth Credit) Statistical Analysis

BIOL 831F (Sixth Credit) Final Paper

**You must complete the following application form to be considered for an opportunity to conduct research with a faculty mentor in the Department of Biology at UNK.**

**Please email your completed application form to** [**msbiology@unk.edu**](mailto:msbiology@unk.edu)**. The subject line of your email should be titled “Biol 831 Research Application”**

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**(All information must be typed on the application form.)**

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| **Last Name,** | **First Name** | **NU ID#** |
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| **Proposed Start Date for Biol 831 Sequence (Semester/Year)** |  |  |
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| **Proposed Faculty Mentors Ranked 1-3**  **(where #1 represents your first choice)** | | |
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**Essay:** Write a 150-200 word essay **(DO NOT GO OVER 200 words!)** describing the following information:

1. Why do you want to complete an independent research project
2. How will completing an independent research project help you achieve your career goals?
3. What topics are of interest to you? Briefly (2-3 sentences) describe a proposed project idea. For example, you may be interested in specific concepts such as evolution or physiology, or you may be interested in a specific group of organisms such as moose, microbes, and muskellunge. Please be as specific as you can with regard to potential topics of interest because this will help us pair you with an appropriate faculty mentor.

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| **Essay:** |