

# Biological Sciences

## Beth Baird Scholar Application

2007-2008 academic year, application deadline: **June 15, 2007**; Return to Graduate Secretary, 127 Biology

### Basic Information (all fields required):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Eaglemail address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note that ONLY Eaglemail addresses will be used for official e-mail correspondence)

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal Letter \_\_\_\_; Transcripts: \_\_\_\_  
 Recommendations: Advisor \_\_\_\_; TA \_\_\_\_;  
 Others \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_  
 Meets specific scholarship requirements:  
 1. \_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_  
 Notes:

Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester and year initiated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Biol, Biochem, Mol Bio, Env Sci) (MA, MS, PhD) (Spring/Summer/Fall, 200X)

Major Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous degrees obtained and GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Current degree requirements completed/filed (N/A or semester/year): \_\_\_\_\_ Advisory committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree plan: \_\_\_\_\_ Research proposal: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidacy exams: \_\_\_\_\_

Other awards/scholarships pending or received:

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |

To be considered for Beth Baird Scholarships, submit the following materials **in addition** to this form:

1. A letter of recommendation from your major advisor (or prospective major advisor).
2. Two letters of recommendation from other professionals familiar with your scholastic abilities, including a committee member if your advisory committee is formed.
3. If you have held a Teaching Assistantship, complete **Section I** of the attached TA recommendation form and ask your laboratory coordinator to complete the form.
4. A personal letter stating your career goals and why you feel you should be chosen as a Beth Baird Scholar.
5. An up-to-date *curriculum vitae*.
6. Official transcripts of current and previous degrees.

**Note:** Prospective Beth Baird Scholars are encouraged to review the **Mission Statement and Selection Criteria for Beth Baird Scholars** (attached).

*I authorize the Dept. of Biological Sciences to include me as a prospective Beth Baird Scholar. I have included all of the required materials for my application. I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that the application packet is complete.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Mission Statement and Selection Criteria for Beth Baird Scholars

Beth Baird Scholarships are intended to **attract** and **retain** outstanding graduate students to enhance scholarly activity within the Department of Biological Sciences. Recipients of a Beth Baird Scholarship are Beth Baird Scholars. Beth Baird Scholars embody the mission of the Department of Biological Sciences<sup>1</sup>, and that of the University of North Texas<sup>2</sup> as a student-centered public research university.

Based on these guiding principles, Beth Baird Scholars are selected on the basis of

Research potential and achievement

Academic and potential and achievement

Potential and achievement in professional communication and service

Beth Baird scholarships offer financial support for two or four years to students entering a MSc. and PhD., respectively, with a possible one-year extension. Renewal of funding is contingent on maintaining academic excellence, making satisfactory progress toward degree completion (for guidelines refer to Graduate Student Catalog, Biology, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Environmental Science Degree Requirements and Procedures; <http://www.unt.edu/catalog/grad/biol.htm>), research productivity, and outreach activities. Existing UNT students are eligible for prorated funding based on the numbers of years enrolled (*i.e.*, a PhD student with one year completed is eligible for three years of funding, etc). A student may be a Beth Baird Scholar for a maximum of five years.

Beth Baird Scholarships may be used for tuition or salary support, at the discretion of the recipient in consultation with the student's major advisor. Beth Baird Scholarships provide two levels of support, \$5000.00 and \$10,000.00 per year, depending on qualifications. Beth Baird Scholarships may be used to bring University-administered student support (TAs, RAs, University-administered scholarships, etc) to a maximum of 25% above three semester's worth of stage-appropriate funding. Scholarships are awarded through the Department of Biological Sciences Graduate Student Scholarship Committee with final approval from the Department Chair.

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<sup>1</sup> The Department of Biological Sciences promotes the discovery, advancement, and dissemination of basic and applied knowledge in the life and environment sciences by providing quality undergraduate and graduate education; conducting traditional, multidisciplinary research; supporting science education awareness outreach activities; and providing professional expertise and service to local, state and national constituencies.

<sup>2</sup> The University of North Texas is a recognized student-centered public research university where we harness the power of ideas through a culture of learning based on diverse viewpoints, interdisciplinary endeavors, creativity and disciplined excellence. This is accomplished through a broad and balanced array of programs where well-prepared students and dedicated scholars and artists collaborate with our local and global communities in the creation, integration, application and dissemination of knowledge. In this way, UNT creates an enriched and sustainable future for our students, state, nation and world (Approved by Board of Regents May 12, 2006)

**Laboratory Coordinator Universal Recommendation Letter for Prospective Baird Scholars** (ver. 2007-May)**Section I: To be completed by the applicant**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Student # \_\_\_\_\_ Eaglemail Acct: \_\_\_\_\_

1) 1<sup>st</sup> Course # \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Semesters as TA in this course: \_\_\_\_\_2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Course # (if appl.): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Semesters as TA in this course: \_\_\_\_\_3) 3<sup>rd</sup> Course # (if appl.): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Semesters as TA in this course: \_\_\_\_\_**Section II: To be completed by the Laboratory Coordinator**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Course #: \_\_\_\_\_

I have coordinated labs for the applicant for \_\_\_\_\_ semesters (including the current semester).

My confidence in ranking this applicant is (circle one) very high, high, reasonable, poor.

Student evaluations of this applicant (list evaluation scores for each semester or N/A): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the box(es) which most accurately describe the above candidate

<b>QUALITIES:</b>	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent	Have Not Observed
Dependability, reliability					
Preparedness					
Knowledge of subject					
Lectures at appropriate level					
Rapport with students					
General communication skills					
Works well with others					
Overall ranking as a TA					

I have coordinated approximately \_\_\_\_\_ TAs over \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Overall, as a TA, I would rank this candidate in among the top \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS (Please elaborate on the above characteristics; include a separate sheet/letter if desired):

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_