

UNT Dept of Biological Sciences

RENEWAL request for Beth Baird and other Tuition Scholarships

Use this renewal form only if you do not already qualify for a tuition scholarship by being a TA with 0.5 FTE. 2018-2019 academic year, deadline: April 10, 2018; e-mail to DROOT@UNT.edu

Basic Information (all fields required):

Name _____ Student ID# _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Eagle Mail address _____
(NOTE: Only UNT addr. will be used for official e-mail correspondence)

Program _____ Degree _____ Major Advisor _____
(Biology, Mol Bio & Biochem, Env Sci) (MA, MS, PhD)

Admitted _____ Committee formed _____ Degree plan filed _____ Proposal approved _____
Degree progress, complete all fields with semester and year (Spring/Summer/Fall, 20XX) or NA (not applicable);, do not use projected dates.

Written exam passed: _____ Oral exam passed: _____ Defense scheduled for: _____

Previous degrees, institutions and GPA: _____

GSA, TA, RA or other awards/scholarships pending or received: 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

To be considered for a Departmental or Beth Baird Tuition Scholarship RENEWAL, submit the following materials **in addition** to this form. ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS ARE PREFERRED – see p. 3 for details.

1. One letter from your major advisor indicating accomplishments including degree requirements (committee formed, qualifying exams complete, etc.) and supporting (or opposing) renewal.
2. If you previously held a TA and intend to continue as a TA, you do not need this form. See you Lab Supervisor instead. GSA's must apply to renew scholarships, depending on availability.
3. An up-to-date *curriculum vitae*.
4. Up-to-date transcripts of current degree.
5. Submit all documents electronically (.doc or .pdf) to DROOT@UNT.edu with the subject line "Scholarship first-name last-name." Use file names that include your name and the type of document. Scanned copies of original documents will be accepted; the graduate secretary can assist with scanning.

I authorize the Dept. of Biological Sciences to include me as a prospective Tuition Scholarship recipient. 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

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Date received: _____ Personal Letter ____; Transcripts: ____ Recommendations: Advisor ____; Others ____, ____ GSA ____
Meets specific scholarship requirements: 1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ Notes:

Instructions and Other Information

All students applying for a continuing (renewal) Tuition Scholarship, and/or a Beth Baird Tuition Scholarship must submit the appropriate form and documentation by the indicated deadline. For renewals, students must update their file annually by the indicated deadline.

Submit all documents electronically (.doc or .pdf) to DROOT@UNT.edu with the subject line "Scholarship first-name last-name" (e.g., Scholarship John Doe). Use file names that include your name and the type of document (i.e., John_Doe_UNT_Transcript.pdf). Scanned copies of original documents will be accepted if they are legible; the graduate secretary can assist with scanning. Original copies should be maintained by the applicant and may be requested. Letters of reference should be sent as email attachments (following the convention for subject lines and file names if possible). The graduate secretary will scan paper copies that arrive. Documents in the student's UNT admission package may be acceptable, but it is the student's responsibility to ensure that these are copied and inserted into the scholarship application.

Eligibility

Graduate students are eligible -to apply for a Tuition Scholarship and/or a Beth Baird Tuition Scholarship. The Tuition Scholarships are limited and must be renewed annually on a competitive basis. Students who have previously held a Tuition Scholarship should request a RENEWAL. Students who are not supported by the Department (e.g., grant-sponsored RAs, or external scholarships, etc.) are eligible to apply for a Beth Baird Tuition Scholarship; state clearly your current source of support, amount, and what it covers.

Full Tuition Scholarships offer tuition support to students in a MSc and PhD program, respectively, with possible one-year extensions. The Beth Baird Tuition Scholarship covers tuition and mandatory fees similar to the tuition benefit program and may be stacked. Instructional fees and insurance are not covered, but instructional fees may be covered by outside scholarships that the student separately obtains. Any balance in tuition and mandatory fees on the 12th day of classes up to the number of SCH awarded will be covered. Doctoral students advanced to candidacy will be covered up to 6 SCH unless there are extenuating circumstances. Renewal funding is contingent on maintaining full-time status, academic excellence, research productivity, outreach activities, *and making satisfactory progress toward degree completion* (for guidelines refer to Graduate Student Catalog, Degree Requirements and Procedures, <http://www.unt.edu/catalog/grad/biol.htm>). *Failure to complete degree requirements (qualifying exams, etc.) in a timely manner is cause for a renewal to be refused.* A student may be a Tuition Scholar for a maximum of six years. Tuition Scholarships offer tuition support for the two long semesters only. Departmental TA scholarships offer support only for semesters that the student is a TA. Tuition scholarships do not have a cash value and will not be paid out to students who have their tuition covered by another source. Scholarships are awarded through the Department of Biological Sciences Graduate Student Scholarship Committee with final approval from the Department Chair.

Mission Statement and Selection Criteria for Departmental TA and Beth Baird Tuition Scholars

Tuition Scholarships are intended to **attract** and **retain** outstanding graduate students to enhance scholarly activity within the Department of Biological Sciences. Tuition Scholarships embody the mission of the Department of Biological Sciences¹, and that of the University of North Texas². Tuition Scholarships are selected on the basis of: (1) Research potential and achievement, (2) Academic potential and achievement, and (3) Potential and achievement in professional communication and service. These guidelines are subject to change.

¹ 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.

² 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)