

APPLICATION FORM
Research Experience for Undergraduates: Conservation of the Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystem
Sponsored by Konza Prairie Biological Station and Kansas State University

INSTRUCTIONS

Eligibility

Applicants must be undergraduate students that are citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions. An undergraduate student is a student who is enrolled in a degree program (part-time or full-time) leading to a baccalaureate or associates degree. Students who are transferring from one institution to another and are enrolled at neither institution during the intervening summer may participate. Students are not eligible if they have recently graduated from high school and are not yet enrolled in college, or if they have completed all requirements for their bachelor's degrees and are no longer enrolled in an undergraduate program.

Application

An application for the Research Experience for Undergraduates in Grassland Ecology at Konza Prairie Biological Station consists of four items:

- 1) A completed copy of the 2-page Application Form.
- 2) An unofficial copy of your academic transcript. If accepted into the REU program, applicants will be required to provide an official copy before starting the program.
- 3) Letters of recommendation from two faculty advisors at the student's home institution. Faculty advisors that are able to comment on the applicant's academic ability are preferred. Please provide your respondents with the Report on the Applicant rating form that is available on the web.
- 4) A two-page essay addressing the development of the student's interest in ecology, the specific areas of research interest, and current professional career goals. Career goals are not required to be in ecological research.

Deadlines

The application form, unofficial transcript, two page essay and letters of recommendation, must be received by **March 1, 2008**. Materials may be submitted by regular mail, e-mail or by fax to **Dr. Brett K. Sandercock**, *REU Program Coordinator*, Division of Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506-4901, e-mail: bsanderc@ksu.edu, fax (785) 532-6653. Questions regarding the application procedure can be directed to Dr. Sandercock by e-mail or phone (785) 532-0120.

We expect to notify applicants who are accepted to the REU program on or before **March 8, 2008**. Students invited to participate in the REU program must accept or reject the offer by **March 15, 2008**.

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READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM. PLEASE TYPE

Name of applicant (surname, first name and initials)	Social security number:
Current address: Phone: E-mail:	Permanent address: Phone:
Describe your citizenship status: <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen or national of the United States <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent resident alien of the United States	Complete if a permanent resident alien: Date status granted (mm/dd/yy): ___ / ___ / ___ Country of citizenship:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): ___ / ___ / ___
Ethnicity (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	Race (select one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White
Are you the first member of your family to attend college? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you have a disability that limits a major life activity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please specify: _____
Educational institution currently attending: Expected graduation date (mm/dd/yy): ___ / ___ / ___	Type of institution (select category that best fits): <input type="checkbox"/> Technical College (Diplomas or Certificates) <input type="checkbox"/> Liberal Arts College (BA) <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate University (4-year BA or BS) <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive University (Masters) <input type="checkbox"/> Research University (PhD)
Major:	

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List up to 5 academic honors, scholarships, teaching or work experiences that you have held in college or university:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

List three specific areas of research interest (e.g. aquatic ecology, microbial ecology, behavioral ecology):

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

List three potential mentors you are particularly interested in working with:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Name and contact information for two persons whom you have asked to provide letters of support:

First respondent:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Second respondent:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

The information requested on this application form will be used to select qualified applicants and to comply with the reporting requirements of the National Science Foundation. Personal information will be viewed by the selection committee only and will not be disclosed without permission by the applicant. Submission is voluntary but failure to provide complete information may reduce the possibility of your receiving an internship with the REU Program.

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