

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES AGREEMENT

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer your services to North Dakota State University and specifically to the Department of \_\_\_\_\_. As a volunteer, you are not considered an employee (except as stated below under the State Tort Claims Act) of NDSU and you agree to provide services to NDSU without the benefits or compensation normally provided to employees of the institution.

Your services and activities at NDSU will be to:

[outline volunteer work and scope]

The effective date for your beginning volunteer services for NDSU will be \_\_\_\_\_, and the ending date will be \_\_\_\_\_. Please note that receipt of this letter makes you an official volunteer of North Dakota State University and that you as a volunteer will be covered by the State's liability protection program so long as you perform your duties within the scope of the description provided above. Since volunteers are not covered by the state's worker compensation program, however, you are encouraged to maintain your own health insurance. If you should be injured during the course or your activities and the injury results from the negligence of a University employee or agent, you would have the same legal rights to seek compensation as would any visitor to the campus.

[Optional paragraph] As a volunteer, you will be working on projects that assist the principal \_\_\_\_\_ in advancing his research laboratory. These projects may lead to new discoveries in the field of \_\_\_\_\_ research. Projects that lead to new discoveries utilizing the University's facilities, employees, equipment and supplies are considered the property of North Dakota State University. Therefore, North Dakota State University owns the intellectual property rights to the results of any work that occurs as a result of this agreement which, if you were an inventor, would require you to make any necessary assignments or transfers of ownership, subject to the University's policies on sharing of net royalties with inventors.

Please sign both copies of this letter and return one copy to me.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read this entire letter of agreement, understand its contents, accept the terms and conditions of this agreement, and agree to comply with all the rules and regulations established by North Dakota State University in working as a volunteer.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
NDSU

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer

Date: