

## **Dear prospective applicant,**

Thank you for your interest in graduate study in the Department of Biology and Wildlife at UAF. We offer M.S. degrees in Biology and Wildlife Biology and the Ph.D. degree in Biological Sciences (with concentrations in Biology, Botany, Wildlife Biology, or Zoology). We also offer an M.A.T. degree in Biology. We have a large and active group of approximately 130 graduate students in our department, and we encourage applications from well-prepared candidates.

## **Before you apply**

Thesis research of our graduate students spans the entire spectrum of biology, from molecules to ecosystems, and may be basic or applied (as examples, see the listings of thesis titles on this website). Competition for available positions in our graduate program is intense. Before applying, you should review the information outlining the research programs of our faculty on the Institute of Arctic Biology (IAB) website (<http://www.iab.uaf.edu/facstaff.php>) and make certain that one or more faculty have research interests that are well matched to your own. ***We encourage you to read and study recent publications of those faculty and to then contact them about possible opportunities for new students on their research projects.*** Generally, faculty accept new graduate student advisees only if they have funded grants or contracts to support the thesis research of additional students. However, occasionally faculty also seek and accept advisees with similar research interests who wish to develop and conduct their thesis research independently.

## **GRE and English Language Examinations**

***You also must take the GRE General Test in a timely manner so that the official test results are included in your application materials.***

We also strongly encourage you to take the GRE Subject Test in Biology. ***The GRE Subject Test in Biology is required if you are applying to the Ph.D. program and you have not completed a Masters' degree in the biological sciences.*** The GRE Subject Tests are given only a few times each year. Therefore, to take the GRE Subject Test in Biology in a timely manner, carefully review the information on the GRE website (<http://www.gre.org/index.html>) for test dates and registration deadlines.

If English is not your native language, you must report a minimum TOEFL score of 213 (computer exam) or 550 (paper exam), and we strongly encourage you to submit results for the TSE and TWE (see <http://www.toefl.org>).

## **Application Materials**

To apply, complete the Graduate Application Form (see <http://www.uaf.edu/admissions/apply/index.html>). Follow the instructions for timely



