

**Subject: Win-win opportunity to work with an NKU class in spring 2015**

**Hello! Do you wish that you could research issues related to your department, but just can't seem to find the time in your busy day? I may have just the solution for you!**

One of the classes that I teach for the Library Informatics Program is LIN 414, Advanced Information Literacy. In this class, I like for my students to gain some experiential learning by conducting research as a group, because I think this will help prepare them for future work experiences. A few years ago I assigned them a case study where they had to conduct "pretend" research for an office on campus, and the students seemed to learn a lot from this experience. Last year, I "ramped it up" by actually having all 5 groups conduct research for an NKU department (Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life) and this too was successful. **Ideally, in the spring I'd like to have my class work with 4 or 5 different departments, where each group will do research for one department. Would you be interested in being one of those offices? I think this experiential assignment can be win-win (my students will gain researching experience for a "client" and the involved departments will get a bibliography on something they're interested in.)** So, do you have a topic that you need researched? Are you interested in working with me and my class? All it would entail from you is a topic that you want researched. If interested, you could fill out the following 4 questions (below) and my class will do the rest.

**Here's all you would need to do-fill out this short form, being as detailed as possible about your research need:**

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| 1. | Department Name , Department Contact, email address, and campus address   |
| 2. | Topic you'd like researched (please describe in a detailed sentence or two)   |
| 3. | Types of information you're hoping for (statistics, case studies, websites from other institutions, reports, or other?) |
| 4. | Do the references need to be from a certain time frame (past 3 years? past 5 years? Past 10 years? No limit?)           |

**What you will get in return-By the end of spring semester, your department will receive:**

An official memo from the student group and an attached annotated bibliography featuring between 5-10 articles for the bibliography.

**I appreciate your consideration on this opportunity to work with my class. Please let me know by December 5 if you are interested.**

Sincerely,  
Mary Chesnut