



Graduate Research Assistantship in Forest Ecology and Conservation

Job Description:

The Forest Invertebrate Conservation Lab in the Department of Forestry at Mississippi State University is seeking applicants for a funded M.S. assistantship. We seek applicants to pursue a master's degree in Forestry with emphasis on Forest Ecology and Conservation. The successful candidate will work on research related to reestablishment of understory pollinator-plant networks in restored longleaf pine forests, utilizing field collection and genomic methods. Research locations may include Georgia, Alabama and/or Mississippi, and may include extended field work in various terrain and weather conditions as well as laboratory work. The selected student will work with Dr. Christine Fortuin (Assistant Professor of Natural Resource Conservation) and Dr. Esteban Galeano (Assistant Professor of Forest Genetics). Information about Dr. Fortuin's research program can be found at www.forestbees.org, information about Dr. Galeano's program can be found at www.fwrc.msstate.edu/people/egg113. The expected start date is in Fall 2023.

Qualifications:

Candidates must have completed a bachelor's degree before Fall of 2023 in Conservation Biology, Ecology, Entomology, Forestry, Genetics, Natural Resources, Plant Sciences, Wildlife, or a related field. Candidate must have a strong academic record and experience assisting in or conducting research at the undergraduate level. Experience with genetics, genomics and/or taxonomy of plants or pollinator species would be a differential. Ability to drive legally in the U.S., or ability to obtain a valid U.S. drivers licence will be required for conducting field work (owning a vehicle is not required).

To Apply:

To be considered for this position, the following application materials must be submitted:

1. A letter of interest (2-page maximum). Please address your qualifications for this position in the letter.
2. Resume/CV
3. Unofficial transcripts
4. Names and contact information of three references

Please send the package as a single PDF file to Dr. Fortuin (c.fortuin@msstate.edu). Inquires about details of this position can also be directed to Dr. Fortuin. A review of the applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. A full application to the Graduate School will be required for an official offer to be made. Additional information can be found on the MSU Department of Forestry website (www.cfr.msstate.edu/forestry/graduate.asp) and the MSU Office of Graduate School (www.grad.msstate.edu/).

MSU is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, ethnicity, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, pregnancy, gender identity, status as a U.S. veteran, and/or any other status protected by applicable law. We always welcome nominations and applications from women, members of any minority or underrepresented group, and others who share our passion for building a diverse community that reflects the diversity in our student population.



What do I do if I need an accommodation?

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