

Opportunity for Ph.D. study in Biogeography, Ecology, Conservation

I am recruiting one or two new Ph.D. students to start in Fall 2016, Department of Biology at Texas State University. Students should be interested in studying species-habitat relationships from scales of local communities to landscapes to biogeographic regions. This could include the study of species interactions, dispersal and movement, population dynamics, resource use, invasive species, ecological networks, and the temporal/spatial aspects of species' geographic ranges. Students will be encouraged to develop their own dissertation project within this overall realm of research. Projects can have a direct conservation application or be aimed at discovering new ecological knowledge. Study of any taxonomic group or ecosystem is possible, although doctoral program has an emphasis on aquatic systems. Qualified students should be willing to develop good quantitative skills in statistics and perhaps modeling, as well as use of GIS in research. Financial support (stipend) will be in the form of an Instructional Assistantship (TA) in the Department of Biology (\$26,000 per nine months) with possible support from research grants as well. See the following websites for more information: <http://ecology.wp.txstate.edu/> and <http://www.bio.txstate.edu/>. If you are interested, please send an email describing your research interests and any previous research experience, GPA and list of courses, and GRE scores to Dr. Joe Veech (joseph.veech@txstate.edu) by December 31, 2015.