Graduate Student Assistantship on Dung Beetle Biology

A highly motivated candidate is sought to pursue an MS degree on dung beetle biology at Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, USA. The successful candidate will participate in research that yields valuable discoveries regarding sustainable agriculture, life history strategies, ecosystem resilience, and economic benefits of dung beetles. Research will examine dung beetle community assemblages on bison-grazed versus cattle-grazed grasslands. The success of this research will have broad application for land management and grassland ecosystem sustainability.

The ideal student for this position is self-motivated, works well with a team of researchers as well as independently, and has a strong interest in entomology and ecology. The successful applicant will have a strong commitment to entomology and a desire to learn a range of tools, techniques, and methods. Proficiency in oral and written English is required. Applicants should have a B.S. in entomology, ecology, or biology and must meet the requirements for admission at Wichita State University (http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=bioscience&p=/academics/mdindex/). The successful applicant will receive a 2-year assistantship with stipend and full tuition waiver. Deadline for applications is 1 March 2022, but early applications are encouraged. The assistantship will begin in the summer or fall of 2022. Interested applicants should email their CV, transcripts, and a letter describing their research interests and future goals to Dr. Mary Liz Jameson (MaryLiz.Jameson@gmail.com).

Wichita State University (WSU) is a metropolitan, research-intensive university set in a suburban area (~650,000 people, the largest city in Kansas) with a diverse student body. Wichita offers many opportunities for cultural activities and a low cost-of-living. The Department of Biological Sciences at WSU includes biological field stations and reserves, core facilities in environmental biology, greenhouses, and an animal care facility. Previous graduate students have gone on to Ph.D. programs at major institutions, employment with state or federal agencies (e.g., United States Department of Agriculture, National Ecological Observatory Network, Oregon State Agriculture), or industry (e.g., Monsanto). More information about the Department, including a complete list of departmental facilities and current Graduate Faculty and their teaching and research interests is available on our web site (http://www.wichita.edu/biology/). Information Wichita State University is available at https://www.wichita.edu/.

PLEASE ALERT POTENTIAL CANDIDATES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

THANK YOU!