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SUMMER INSECT BIODIVERSITY FELLOWS

The Verble Lab at Missouri University of Science and Technology is recruiting five research fellows for Summer 2022 to conduct terrestrial arthropod surveys across Fort Leonard Wood military installation in Pulaski County, Missouri. This is part of a large-scale invertebrate biodiversity survey for the military base and will involve collection and identification efforts for multiple taxa.

What are the fellowship logistics? Fellowship positions run from 28 May to 1 July 2022 and include rustic lodging, board, and a $4,500 stipend to be paid in two payments, one at the beginning of the project and one at the completion of the project. Fellows are housed in a rural setting in the Mark Twain National Forest near Rolla, Missouri. Fellows must pay their own transportation costs to the housing site, but field travel, housing, and food costs on-site will be covered.

Who is eligible to apply for the fellowship? We are accepting applications from all interested parties at all education levels and with all backgrounds. We prefer applicants with some experience with insect identification and trapping methods. Formal entomological training and coursework is not required. Strong candidates will be resilient and adaptable in hot and humid field environments, capable of working and living in close proximity with a team for an extended period of time, and will be able to clearly and effectively communicate with peers, supervisors, and the public. At this time, we are only able to accept applications from U.S. citizens due to permitting restrictions.

How do I apply for the fellowship? Send your CV as a PDF attached to an e-mail to Dr. Robin Verble (verbler@mst.edu). In the e-mail, tell me who you are, why you want to do this work and about any previous insect work or field work you have done. Also, in the e-mail, tell me who I should call for more information about you and give me their phone number.

About our team: We believe science and scientists are improved by the synergy of diverse perspectives. We value applications from all backgrounds, genders, races, and identities and are committed to fostering an inclusive and safe experience for all researchers during this program. We value unique life experience as strength that bolster a team’s ability to creatively solve novel problems, and we encourage applicants from backgrounds to apply. Overall, we’re the type of people that generally love to be outside collecting insects, who will get distracted by a trail of ants, and who will do our absolute best to make sure your summer program is academically enriching, professionally useful, and personally memorable. We hope to see you in 2022!