M.S. Graduate Assistantship, Stonefly Systematics and Biogeography, Western Kentucky University

The Aquatic Ecology and Systematics Lab at Western Kentucky University is searching for 1 M.S. student to contribute to one of several on-going projects addressing the systematics, macroecology, and biogeography of Appalachian Plecoptera. Anticipated activities would include a combination of (a) fieldwork, (b) sorting, identification, and lab preparation of material, and (c) data acquisition and analysis in preparation for the Master’s Thesis, scientific presentations, and publications. The starting date is fall 2018. Applicants must meet the entrance requirements for WKU. Please visit for information: https://www.wku.edu/graduate/prospective_students/admission/requirements.php

Required qualifications:
- B.A. or B.S. in Biology, Ecology, or closely-related field
- Evidence of strong work ethic and ability to work independently
- Field-based coursework

Desired qualifications:
- Research experience in freshwater systems, particularly with macroinvertebrates
- Experience identifying insects to family level
- Experience with GIS software

Candidates need to submit the following materials to scott.grubbs@wku.edu with the subject line “STONEFLY MS”: (1) letter of intent, describing your background, research experiences and interests, and career goals, (2) resume or CV, (3) college transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable), (4) GRE (and TOEFL if applicable) scores (unofficial copies acceptable), and (5) contact information for three references.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions and visit my ResearchGate site to learn more about my recent research projects.

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