Research Internships in Wetland Plant Ecology

Includes independent research project. Provides Weekly stipend, Room, and Food stipend.

Internships at MacArthur Agro-ecology Research Center, a division of Archbold Biological Station, in south-central Florida in the Agro-Ecology Program. Interns will work in the agro-ecology laboratory of Dr. Elizabeth (Betsey) Boughton, which emphasizes wetland community ecology and disturbance ecology (grazing, fire, flooding). We study plant communities in wetlands, wet prairies, and grasslands embedded in low and high intensity ranchland in the context of the Northern Everglades.

Long-term studies on wetland restoration, fire management, and wetland management manipulating grazing and fire provide outstanding opportunities for short-term comparative studies. Additional information can be found at our web site: http://www.archbold-station.org/station/html/research/internship/internship.html

Interns receive room, a meal allowance, and a weekly stipend of \$100. They work 20 hours per week as research assistants and the remainder on an independent research project. Internships generally run for 6-12 months but are flexible in their starting dates and durations. Internships offer an opportunity for experience in every aspect of scientific research, from project choice and experimental design to oral and written presentations.

Interns must be able to tolerate living on a remote cattle ranch and provide their own transportation for personal activities. MAERC is a division of Archbold Biological Station with eight permanent staff, located 11 miles away from the main field station. MAERC is operated as a commercial cattle ranch which serves as a research platform to investigate ecological and environmental challenges on working landscapes.

Archbold Biological Station is active in research, conservation, and education. Our facilities include a 5000 ha preserve, an outstanding regional library and a GIS lab. We have a staff of about 50 with many visiting scientists, an active seminar program, and a relaxed biological station atmosphere.

To apply for an internship in the agro-ecology lab, please provide the following: a cover letter stating research interests, a description of previous research experience, a resume or CV, a summary of grades, and two letters of recommendation by 30 April 2014. Please EMAIL applications to:

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