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Subject: M.S. assistantships in plant-herbivore and predator-prey interactions at URI

I invite applications from motivated students for M.S. work beginning in fall 2015 in community ecology at the University of Rhode Island. Full funding for 1-2 students will be provided via a combination of NSF-funded research assistantships and teaching assistantships. Applicants should be independent, highly motivated, and possess research, field, and/or modeling experience. Research in my lab generally addresses either predator-prey or herbivore-plant interactions; specific research topics include the impact of interactions between invasive species on eastern forests and the population-level consequences of non-lethal interactions between predators and their prey. The NSF-funded project addresses plant-mediated interactions between two sessile invasive herbivores, hemlock woolly adelgid and elongate hemlock scale, and is part of a collaboration between the Preisser Lab and Thornber Lab (at the University of Rhode Island) and Colin Orians at Tufts University. Detailed information about the lab is available at <http://web.uri.edu/preisserlab/>.

Prospective students should contact me (Evan Preisser, <<mailto:preisser@uri.edu>> preisser@uri.edu) and provide a short description of research interests and accomplishments, a CV (including GPA and GRE scores; the Graduate School requires a 3.0 GPA for admission), and contact information for three references. I will contact suitable candidates to discuss potential graduate projects and to set up an interview. Formal department review of applications will begin January 15, 2015, but interested students should contact me well before the application deadline.

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