

Masters Graduate Assistantships in Ecology and Conservation at the College of William and Mary

The Biology Department at the College of William and Mary is recruiting new research Masters students in behavioral, wetlands, plant, viral, functional, spatial, physiological, evolutionary, mathematical and conservation ecology, to start in Fall 2015. Full assistantships are provided to nearly all students.

We offer a two-year research-intensive Masters program where students are supported by teaching assistantships and full tuition waivers. For many students, getting a Masters in two years and writing publications and grants is the ideal preparation for applying to a highly competitive Ph.D. programs or job. We have a great track record of our recent MS students going on to excellent PhD programs and professional positions. With a low student-to-faculty ratio (approximately 10 new students each year with 23 full-time faculty) we can offer an intimate and highly personalized research and education experience.

Importantly, we have real strengths in many aspects of ecology and conservation. We are one of the few smaller universities that have many ecologists on their faculty, including: Harmony Dalglish and Martha Case (plant/forest ecology), John Swaddle and Dan Cristol (behavioral ecology/ecotoxicology), Laurie Sanderson, Jon Allen and Joshua Puzey (functional ecology), Randy Chambers (wetlands ecology), Kurt Williamson (viral ecology), Matthias Leu (conservation/landscape ecology), Helen Murphy (evolutionary ecology), Drew LaMar (mathematical ecology), and Paul Heideman (physiological ecology). The proximity of William and Mary to county, state, and federal parks as well as the Chesapeake Bay allows for extensive field research opportunities.

Deadline for applications is February 1, but you should contact potential advisors soon. You can get general information about our program from the department website:

<http://www.wm.edu/as/biology/graduate/index.php> and more on potential advisors here:

Harmony Dalglish: <http://wmpeople.wm.edu/hidalglish>

Kurt Williamson: <http://wmpeople.wm.edu/kewilliamson>

Randy Chambers: <http://rmcham.people.wm.edu/>

Jon Allen: <http://wmpeople.wm.edu/jdallen>

Dan Cristol: <http://wmpeople.wm.edu/dacris>

Matthias Leu: <http://wmpeople.wm.edu/mleu>

Drew LaMar: <http://www.people.wm.edu/~mdlama/><<http://www.people.wm.edu/%7Emdlama/>>

Helen Murphy: <http://www.helenmurphy.net>

Laurie Sanderson: <http://slsand.people.wm.edu>

Paul Heideman: <http://pdheid.people.wm.edu/>

Joshua Puzey: <http://puzeylab.weebly.com>

Martha Case: <http://macase.people.wm.edu/> (on sabbatical 2015, not taking new students)

John Swaddle: <http://jpswad.people.wm.edu/> (on sabbatical in 2015; not taking new students)