

## PhD Assistantship – Community Ecology – University of Florida

The Baiser lab of community ecology in the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of Florida is now accepting applications for a PhD Graduate Assistantship position. Our research focuses on how ecological communities assemble, change, and collapse. The effect of invasive species on ecological communities is a common theme throughout our research.

Research opportunities include studying plant–herbivore food webs in the globally imperiled pine rockland ecosystem in south Florida, experimental manipulations of aquatic food webs in pitcher plants, analyzing macroecological patterns of community change, and modeling food web dynamics. However, the opportunity to work with any taxonomic group exists.

The assistantship includes full tuition coverage, Gator Grad Care health insurance, and a yearly salary of \$20,000/FTE .50 (20 hours/week) for up to four years. The student will teach one semester per year. The position will be located at the UF campus in Gainesville, FL. Expected start date is August, 24 2015, the start of Fall term.

Qualified applicants will be highly motivated, enthusiastic, and will ideally have a strong undergraduate research background and/or an MS in ecology, botany, entomology, molecular ecology, biology, or a closely related field.

Further information on the Baiser lab can be found at <http://www.wec.ufl.edu/faculty/baiser/>

\*\*\*The application deadline is Feb 1, 2015\*\*\*

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Prospective students should send the following information with the subject line “PhD Position” to [bbaiser@ufl.edu](mailto:bbaiser@ufl.edu):

- One page cover letter describing your research experience, interests, and goals
- CV
- GRE scores
- Transcripts (unofficial) from undergraduate and graduate education
- Contact information for three academic references