

Graduate student opportunity in evaluating hybridization amongst native river turtle populations at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The Dyer (<http://dyerlab.bio.vcu.edu/>) and Vonesh (<https://wp.vcu.edu/voneshlab/>) labs at Virginia Commonwealth University have an opening beginning fall 2015 for a Master's student interested in examining the issue of hybridization amongst Northern Red-Bellied Cooter (*Pseudemys rubriventris*) and Eastern River Cooter (*Pseudemys concinna*) populations in Virginia.

The student will be use morphometric and genetic analyses, with both existing and field collected datasets, in addressing this question. The student is expected to begin the collection of field data beginning May 25, 2015, with a provided stipend, until the commencement of the fall semester on August 19, 2015. Position dependent upon anticipated funding for research and applicant applying for and being awarded a graduate teaching assistantship in the MS Biology program.

Preferences:

B.S. in Biology, Ecology, or related field

Ability to perform fieldwork in difficult conditions including being able to lift 50lbs without strain

Background knowledge of boats and their engines

G.P.A exceeding 3.5 with GRE scores at or above the 70th percentile

To apply:

Please submit the following to Dr. Rodney Dyer (rjdyer@vcu.edu): CV including both G.P.A and GRE scores, Statement of research interests, Names and contact information of 3 professional references