

**Position – M.S. Graduate Research Assistantship in Landscape Connectivity Modeling,
University of Illinois at Springfield**

Recruiting a MS-level graduate student in **Environmental Science** to study and model landscape connectivity and habitat suitability for threatened/endangered species, such as Franklin's ground squirrel, in Illinois. The graduate research assistantship will be available for **two years** with a 16 August 2015 start date. The assistantship will provide full tuition waiver, 12-month stipend, and research support, including conference travels and professional development opportunities.

Successful candidates must have the following qualifications:

- Strong writing skills and quantitative skills.
- Experience with modeling.
- Coursework and extensive use of Geographic Information Systems.
- Strong work ethic and keen attention to detail.
- Experience in or willingness to study dispersal and connectivity modeling.
- Background in ecology, conservation, or related field.

Interested applicants should send the following (via email) to **Dr. Tih-Fen Ting at tting1@uis.edu** and **Dr. Shipeng Sun at ssun32@uis.edu** no later than **20 April 2015**.

- Cover letter addressing background, extent of qualifications, and research interest.
- Resume, including contact information for three references.
- Transcripts (unofficial or scanned copy acceptable).

Suitable candidates will be encouraged to submit a formal application to the graduate research assistantship program. Please do not hesitate to contact us at tting1@uis.edu or ssun32@uis.edu if you have questions.

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