

**Position – PhD Position (Invasion and Fire Ecology), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, Illinois)**

Applications are invited for a funded PhD graduate assistantship in invasion and fire ecology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Research will focus on quantifying and modeling changes in fuels, fire behavior, and tree regeneration in oak-hickory stands invaded by non-native grasses.

The ideal candidate will possess a Master's degree by the starting date and prior research experience and/or demonstrated competency in forest ecology. Applicants should have strong quantitative skills and an interest in field work and modeling. Experience with database management systems, R, and GIS are desirable, but not necessary. Strong writing skills, the ability to communicate effectively, and the desire to work in a team are essential. The assistantship includes a stipend of \$21,000 per annum, fringe benefits and tuition waiver. The university is an AA/EEO employer and encourages applications from women and minorities.

To apply, please email the following to **Jennifer Fraterrigo (jmf@illinois.edu)**: (1) a cover letter describing your research interests, professional goals and relevant experience, (2) a complete CV, (3) unofficial college transcripts and GRE percentiles, and (4) contact information for three references. **Review of applications will begin immediately**, and the position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. After selection, the successful candidate will be invited to apply for admission to the Graduate College of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; detailed information about the application procedure is available online at <http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions>. Please contact Dr. Fraterrigo by e-mail or phone with any questions.

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