**MS Assistantship, Bog Turtles, Tennessee**  
Agency: University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Dept. of Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries  
Location: Knoxville, TN  
Job Category: Graduate Assistantships  
Salary: $16,300 per year  
Start Date: 08/16/2021  
Last Date to Apply: 04/01/2021

Description: Two-year, 12-month, MS Research/Teaching Assistantship. Seeking a highly motivated student to study bog turtle movement, demography and/or seed dispersal. Primary emphasis will be in Tennessee, but may also include other areas in the bog turtle’s southern population. This project will entail collaboration with multiple partner organizations. The student will work 10 hours per week as a teaching assistant in the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries’ undergraduate programs, and 10 hours per week as a research assistant (20 hours total) while pursuing their MS in Wildlife and Fisheries Science.

Qualifications: For admission, students must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in forestry, wildlife, fisheries or other natural resource area prior to Fall 2021 matriculation. Other requirements include: a strong work ethic; ability to work independently and cooperatively with others; GPA >3.0; experience with animal handling, telemetry, GIS and knowledge of plants of the Southeast are preferred. To be considered, first submit letter of interest (why you are interested in this project, your research and career goals, etc.), resume, copy of transcripts, and contact information for 3 references by 1 April 2021 to Dr. Charles Kwit, Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, 427 Plant Biotech Building, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-4563 via ckwit@utk.edu. The University of Tennessee is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution in the provision of its education and employment programs and services. All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment and admission without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information, veteran status, and parental status.

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