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Subject: International Graduate Program (MSc-PhD) opening at Guangxi University, Nanning, China

International Graduate Program with multiple MSc and PhD positions available at the College of Forestry of Guangxi University, Nanning, China

The Plant Ecophysiology and Evolution Group, Forest Ecology Group and Forest Dynamic Research Lab at Guangxi University (Nanning, China) are seeking highly motivated and productive International MSc and PhD students to engage in 4-year projects in:

- (1) Plant Physiological Ecology including water relations, or Functional Plant Anatomy, or Photosynthesis and Photoprotection, supervised by Prof. Kun-Fang Cao (kunfang.cao@gxu.edu.cn or caokf@xtbg.ac.cn).
- (2) Plant Genomics, Molecular Systematics, Biogeography or Taxonomy, supervised by Associate Prof. Joeri S. Strijk (jsstrijk@gxu.edu.cn).
- (3) Ecological Genomics or Conservation Genetics, supervised by Associate Prof. Alison Wee (alisonwks@gmail.com).
- (4) Seed Ecology and Physiology, supervised by Associate Prof. Uromi Goodale (uromi.goodale@outlook.com).

The International Graduate Program at the College of Forestry offers MSc and PhD Fellowships for 4-year projects, with complete waivers for tuition fees and housing fees. Housing will be provided in the International Student dormitories of the campus in Nanning. The first year will consist of orientation and study of Chinese language through courses. The other three years will be filled with fieldwork, professional courses and the research project.

Project applications are now invited for an intended starting date of projects in September 2016. The application deadline is March 31, 2016. Fellowships come with an ample monthly allowance for the full duration of the project. Applicants with a proven track record of successful publication in peer-reviewed journals will have an advantage.

Opportunities for the development of individual research projects as well as collaborative work, exist within our lab and with external groups. Candidates will be integrated in growing and multidisciplinary teams of Chinese and foreign researchers, providing a creative and stimulating research environment, and will work as part of a team studying the evolution, ecology, distribution and/or ecophysiology of selected taxa in Asia. Prior knowledge of Chinese is not mandatory as courses form an integral part of the curriculum, and the working language in our research groups is English.

All research groups are part of the College of Forestry, under the State Key Laboratory of Conservation and Utilization of Subtropical Agro-bioresources, which houses a wide range of laboratories and research teams. We are centrally located on the large Nanning city campus, with easy access to on-campus housing and day-to-day facilities for life on campus. Guangxi University (>25,000 students) in subtropical Nanning is part of the National 211 University Scheme of China (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_211) and aims to become a major research hub in Southern China. The city forms the natural gateway to South-East Asia, with Vietnam a mere 300kms away and direct international connecting flights available to most major cities in Asia from the new Nanning International Airport.

Please visit our website for more information on our group and research:

<http://www.plant-ecophysiology-evolution.com/>

To apply for any of these positions, please email a statement of research interests and goals, a curriculum vitae, and the email addresses of three references directly to the individual project leaders:

(1) Plant Physiological Ecology. Functional Plant Anatomy. Photosynthesis and Photoprotection.

Prof. Kun-Fang Cao (kunfang.cao@gxu.edu.cn or caokf@xtbg.ac.cn).

(2) Plant Genomics. Molecular Systematics. Biogeography. Taxonomy.

Associate Prof. Joeri S. Strijk (jsstrijk@gxu.edu.cn).

(3) Ecological Genomics. Conservation Genetics.

Associate Prof. Alison Wee (alisonwks@gmail.com).

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Review of applications will begin immediately.

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