

## David L Nieland

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**Subject:** Postdoc - Mpala Research Centre, Kenya, and the University of Florida

2-year Postdoctoral Associate Position

Mpala Research Centre, Kenya, and the University of Florida.

The Palmer Lab (<<http://www.thepalmerlab.com>>[www.thepalmerlab.com](http://www.thepalmerlab.com)) is anticipating an opportunity for a post-doctoral associate in the Department of Biology at the University of Florida. We seek a postdoc to conduct research on the consequences of mutualism disruption by an invasive ant in Laikipia, Kenya. The post-doc will spend at least 6 months of the year in the field in Kenya based at Mpala Research Centre, and the remainder at the University of Florida, and will assist with the teaching of a field ecology class in Kenya. The post-doc will be involved in the primary goals of the research, and will also develop research that complements the core focus of the project.

Desired qualifications of the postdoc: (1) a Ph.D. in ecology, wildlife biology, or similar; (2) a strong publication record; (3) excellent references; (4) demonstrated abilities in writing, oral communication, and statistics; (5) experience working independently in remote field sites; (6) intellectual creativity and self-motivation to conceive, design, and implement independent work under remote field conditions. International experience is a plus.

The postdoc will be advised by Dr. Todd Palmer

(<<http://www.thepalmerlab.com>><http://www.thepalmerlab.com>) Field research entails 6+ months per year for two years at the Mpala Conservancy and OI Pejeta Conservancy in Laikipia, Kenya.

To apply for this position, please send a single pdf attachment (file name formatted as lastname\_firstname\_postdoc.pdf) to <<mailto:jgoheen@uwyo.edu>>[tmp@ufl.edu](mailto:tmp@ufl.edu) containing (1) a cover letter/statement of interest; (2) a CV; (3) copies of graduate transcripts; (4) up to 3 relevant publications; and (5) contact information for three references. Please use the subject header "Postdoctoral associate application". Review of applications will begin 25 January 2016. We expect the postdoc will commence work in Summer or Fall 2016.