

Subject: MSc and PhD positions available in Animal Ecology and Conservation Biology at Guangxi University, Nanning, China

The Behavioral and Community Ecology, Conservation Biology Group at Guangxi University (Nanning, China) is seeking highly motivated and productive international MSc and PhD students to engage in 4-year projects in animal ecology and conservation biology. A sample of current lab projects includes: studying leadership in mixed-species bird flocks in Guangxi and Yunnan Provinces, investigating how variation in urban and agricultural landscapes affects birds, studying the levels and effects of mercury in Asian birds, and using acoustic biomonitors to measure biodiversity and human disturbance. Opportunities for the development of individual research projects exist within our lab and with our collaborators. Candidates will be integrated in growing and multidisciplinary teams of Chinese and foreign researchers, providing a creative and stimulating research environment.

The International Graduate Program at the College of Forestry of Guangxi University offers MSc and PhD degrees. Students apply with a March 31 2016 deadline to the China Government Scholarship (CGS) program, as well as to the College of Forestry; CGS provides waivers of tuition and housing fees and a monthly stipend. 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.

Applicants with a proven track record of successful publication in peer-reviewed journals will have an advantage. We are also looking for students who have experience in bird identification, as well as those who have statistical and programming skills. Prior knowledge of Chinese is not mandatory as courses form an integral part of the curriculum, and the working language in our research group is English. It is necessary, however, to have your previous degree completely finished by the time of application.

The College of Forestry is 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.animal-ecology-guangxi.com/>

To apply for any position, please email a statement of research interests and goals, a curriculum vitae, and the email addresses of three references directly to Prof Eben Goodale at eben.goodale@outlook.com.