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Subject: Grad student positions in Plant Ecology (MS State U)

I am seeking graduate students with an interest in plant ecology to begin work in Fall 2016 or Spring 2017. Specific areas of interest for these positions include:

- > influence of land cover and land cover change on plant species
- > distributions abiotic factors influencing distributions of plant
- > species multi-scale factors influencing plant species assemblage composition.

More information about my lab and research interests can be found at www.garyervin.net.

Preference will be given to students with experience or training in GIS, statistics, and/or plant ecology (including taxonomy of the US flora).

Previous research experience and demonstrated writing skills are strongly preferred.

Funding for the position will take the form of a nine-month Teaching Assistantship, which includes a monthly stipend and waiver of all out-of-state and 71% of in-state tuition and fees. The Department of Biological Sciences also has a limited number of competitive stipend enhancements, in addition to travel awards to assist with pre-admission campus visits.

Interested students should send the following to Dr. Gary Ervin: (1) statement of research interests and compatibility with the above areas of research, (2) CV (including GRE percentile scores), and (3) contact information for three potential references. Suitable candidates then will be asked to provide at least one research-based writing sample and to submit an online application for graduate studies.