

From: Alessio Mortelliti
Subject: MSc Position in small mammal seed predation ecology, University of Maine

A graduate (MSc) position is available to work in Alessio Mortelliti's lab (<http://alessiomortelliti.weebly.com/>) focusing on the response of small mammals (mice, voles, shrews and squirrels) to forest management practices. The goal of the study is to contribute to providing a mechanistic understanding of mammalian responses to silvicultural practices and to understand how these responses affect the process of seed predation. This will include conducting a series of experiments to measure how individual characteristics of small mammals (e.g. health status, personality, fitness) affect seed predation in the context of a large scale capture-mark-recapture study.

The ideal candidate would have a strong passion for field work, strong quantitative skills and an interest in teaching. Required qualifications: Bachelor's degree in wildlife ecology, biology or a closely-related field and a minimum gpa of 3.0. Preferred qualifications: strong organizational skills, physical capability and endurance, experience in conducting field research (preferably on small mammals).

The assistantship position includes a stipend (the candidate is expected to work as a TA at least 3 semesters), 50% of the student health insurance, and tuition paid for the graduate program at the University of Maine. Expected start date June 1st 2017.

If you are interested please send your application as a unique pdf file including:

- 1) a cover letter that outlines your qualifications for the project (focusing on skills mentioned in the candidate profile and preferred qualifications) and career goals,
- 2) Curriculum vitae
- 3) GRE scores
- 4) an unofficial transcript

Send the document to Dr. Alessio Mortelliti (alessio.mortelliti@maine.edu). Applications will be reviewed beginning January 30, 2017.

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