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Position: Research Assistant I – Plum Island LTER

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Position Summary: The Ecosystems Center at the Marine Biological Laboratory is seeking applicants for an entry-level Research Assistant I position with the Plum Island Ecosystems Long-Term Ecological Research (PIE-LTER) project. The LTER project is directed at understanding how the structure of the estuarine-marsh ecosystem will change over time in response to climate, sea level, and land use change, and to understand what consequences these changes will have on ecosystem function such as productivity and trophic dynamics. Research is conducted in the watersheds of the Parker and Ipswich Rivers as well as in the marshes, tidal creeks and bays of Plum Island Sound. We seek individuals with strong experiences in independent research (e.g., senior thesis or REU project) and coursework with laboratory and field components. Applicants should have a demonstrated aptitude for biology, chemistry, ecology, and physics, including advanced coursework. The successful applicant will gain broad experiences in careful laboratory analyses as well as through strenuous field work in all environments. During the field work season candidates are expected to spend up to two weeks a month the field station. Experience with small boats and trailing boats is desirable.

Additional Information: Funding for this position is available for up to 2 years. The preferred start date is within 2 weeks of being offered the position

Basic Qualifications: This is an entry level position, requiring a B.A. or B.S. in Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Ecology

Physical Requirements: The applicant should be capable of getting into and out of small boats and walking significant distances across salt marshes.

Special Instructions to Applicants: Cover Letter: Should include a description of how this position addresses your long-term goals.
References: Please provide complete contact information for 3 references.

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