

**From:** John Swaddle  
**Subject:** Funded Masters opportunities at William and Mary

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## Masters opportunities in Ecology and Conservation at the College of William and Mary

The Biology Department at the College of William and Mary is recruiting new research Masters students in behavioral, community, plant, wetlands, viral, functional, spatial, physiological, evolutionary, mathematical and conservation ecology, to start in Fall 2018.

We offer a two-year research-intensive Masters program where students are supported by teaching assistantships and full tuition waivers. For many students, getting a Masters in two years and writing publications and grants before applying to highly competitive Ph.D. programs or jobs is a very attractive option. We have a great track record of our recent MS students going on to excellent PhD programs and professional positions.

With a low student-to-faculty ratio (approximately 7 – 8 new students each year with 25 full-time faculty), we offer an intimate and highly personalized research and education experience. Also, our graduate students often work closely with and mentor undergraduates, offering numerous informal teaching and personal development opportunities to go along with teaching assistantship experience in formal classes.

Importantly, we have real strengths in many aspects of ecology and conservation. We have a diverse and active group, including: Harmony Dalgleish, Jelena Pantel, and Will Soto (community ecology), John Swaddle and Dan Cristol (behavioral ecology/ecotoxicology), Martha Case (pollination ecology and plant conservation), Laurie Sanderson (functional ecology), Joshua Puzey (molecular ecology), Kurt Williamson (viral ecology), Matthias Leu and Randy Chambers (conservation, wetland, and landscape ecology), Helen Murphy and Jon Allen (evolutionary ecology), Drew LaMar (mathematical ecology), and Paul Heideman (physiological ecology and pedagogy in biology). We have fully equipped labs to conduct behavioral and evolutionary studies in captivity with vertebrates and invertebrates, perform ecological experiments in a greenhouse and lab setting, analyze molecular data using core facilities, and analyze spatial data in state-of-the-art GIS labs, including our Center for Geospatial Analyses. The proximity of William and Mary to county, state, and federal parks as well as the Chesapeake Bay allows for extensive field research opportunities.

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