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The Coastal Plant Ecology Lab run by Dr. Zinnert has MS openings for highly motivated students interested in coastal research for the fall 2018 semester. Current funded projects include 1) connectivity among dune/swale topography and vegetation and 2) feedback mechanisms between the abiotic environment and biotic interactions on barrier island vegetation. I conduct my research at the Virginia Coast Reserve Long-Term Ecological Research site (<http://www.vcr/ter.virginia.edu/home1/index.php>). Interested students can visit the lab webpage for more information on projects and the lab ([www.cpel.vcu.edu](http://www.cpel.vcu.edu)).

The Coastal Plant Ecology Lab is located in the Department of Biology at Virginia Commonwealth University (<http://biology.vcu.edu/>) in Richmond, VA. VCU is located in Richmond, VA on the James River, within easy reach of the Virginia coastal plain, Blue Ridge Mountains, Chesapeake Bay, and Virginia barrier islands. Applicants should apply to the VCU MS Program in Biology (<http://biology.vcu.edu/graduate-program/ms-program-in-biology/>). The application deadline is January 15, 2017.

Those who are interested should contact [jczinnert@vcu.edu](mailto:jczinnert@vcu.edu) with a CV and cover letter to discuss the position before applying.

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