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James Nelson Fully Funded PhD on Assimilation Wetland Ecology

The Nelson lab is looking for a motivated student for a fully funded research assistantship in Lafayette, LA. The ad is below. Please distribute to anyone who might be interested.

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP IN ASSIMILATION WETLAND ECOLOGY

A Fully Funded PhD Student position is available at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Department of Biology, in Dr. James Nelson's Ecosystems Laboratory. This program is seeking a graduate student to conduct monthly ecological monitoring and research of a wastewater treatment plant assimilation wetland located near Lafayette, Louisiana. Students will perform routine monitoring of soil parameters, water quality, and plant cover and species richness to study the effects of secondarily treated wastewater on a freshwater wetland habitat. This student will be co-advised by Dr. James Nelson (UL Lafayette Department of Biology) and Dr. Taylor Sloey (UL Lafayette Institute for Coastal and Water Research).

Successful applicants must be enthusiastic, self-motivated, be a team player and able to work well. We are seeking someone with strong oral and written communication skills, and the physical and mental attributes required to collect data in strenuous field conditions. Additional desirable skills include an educational background in any of the following areas: plant, soil, and/or water science, nutrient cycles plant physiology, food web ecology, stable isotope analysis, and biogeochemistry.

Competitive graduate research assistantship funding and tuition waivers are available to support the successful applicant. Interested applicants should send any questions and/or the following application materials in an email to Dr. James Nelson (nelson@louisiana.edu) and Dr. Taylor Sloey $(tsloey@louisiana.edu) \ as \ soon \ as \ possible. \ Visit \ www.nelsonecolab.net \ for \ more \ information$

- 2) Curriculum vita
- 3) GPA and GRE percentile score
- 4) Unofficial transcripts