

A Graduate Student Assistantship is available at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign starting in Fall 2021. The student will assess the vulnerability of species and ecological communities found in the Forest Preserves of Cook County to future climate change. This position includes a 50% research assistantship (~approximately 25k a year) and covers full tuition through the Natural Resources and Environmental Science (NRES) Department. The student will work under the supervision of Dr. Max Allen and will work closely with Forest Preserves of Cook County, citizen scientists, and other researchers and faculty at the University of Illinois.

Required Qualifications

- B.S. in wildlife ecology, natural resources, or related discipline
- Ability to successfully apply to the NRES Department at the University of Illinois
- Hold a valid driver's license
- Have a strong work ethic and the ability to organize large datasets
- Have the ability to coordinate and communicate effectively with a diverse group of collaborators
- Interest in developing quantitative skills
- Interest in publishing peer-reviewed manuscript and conducting scientific outreach for their findings

The successful applicant will be expected to formally apply to the NRES graduate program. All admission decisions must be approved by the NRES Director of Graduate Studies. Deadline to apply to NRES is May 15, 2021.

To ensure full consideration, applications should be received by January 31, 2021. Please apply via e-mail with a 1) a cover letter that explains your career goals, why you are interested in the position, and how you meet the qualifications listed above, 2) unofficial transcripts, 3) a CV, and 4) the names and contact information of three professional references to Dr. Max Allen at ([maxallen \[at\] illinois.edu](mailto:maxallen@illinois.edu)).

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