



Graduate Research Assistantship Position at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), Department of Natural Sciences

NSF - CREST Center for the Integrated Study of Coastal Ecosystem Processes and Dynamics in the Mid-Atlantic Region (CISCEP)

Graduate Research Assistantship Position Beginning in Fall 2016 or Spring 2017

We seek a qualified candidate who is interested in enrolling in the University System of Maryland Marine, Estuarine and Environmental Science (MEES) M.S. or Ph.D. degree program to conduct research on the taxonomy and ecology of benthic macroinvertebrates in the Maryland Coastal Lagoons. The student will examine the influence of environmental factors and abundance of juvenile fishes on benthic invertebrate assemblages, and the relationship between their densities and juvenile fish feeding and growth.

Requirements:

- The Graduate Research Assistantship is available only for U.S. citizens, nationals or permanent residents.
- Minimum qualifications include a B.S. degree in marine biology, biology, zoology, environmental science or a related discipline, previous experience identifying marine invertebrates and familiarity with the taxonomy of at least a major group of benthic macroinvertebrates.
- The successful candidate must have excellent written and oral communication skills as well as interpersonal skills.
- The ability to conduct field work in coastal waters under various environmental conditions is required.

Stipend and tuition: The Assistantship will begin in fall 2016 or spring 2017 and is for a maximum of three years for a M.S. student, and five years for a Ph.D. student, and covers stipend (\$21,000 per annum) and tuition. The position is dependent on the availability of funds. Interested candidates are requested to submit via email an application that includes a cover letter describing their research interests, a CV including cumulative GPA, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Andres Morales-Nunez (agmorales@umes.edu). Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.