**Graduate Research Assistant Opportunity**

The School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences (SANS) at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, has an opening for a 12-month Graduate Research Assistant starting spring 2017 to conduct research in the areas of Food and Environmental Microbiology, and Molecular Biology. The research assistant will be working on a project related to climate variability and microbial dynamics (the abundance and ecology of pathogens and the microbial community in blue crabs and water) in the Maryland Coastal Bays.

A stipend of $21,000/yr and tuition support is available.

This opportunity is available to individuals applying for and enrolling as a full-time student in the Marine Estuarine Environmental Sciences (MEES)/ Food and Agricultural Sciences/ Food Science and Technology Ph.D. Program at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Interested individuals should send a statement about research goals with a copy of transcripts and a resume or CV to Dr. Salina Parveen (sparveen@umes.edu).

Minimum qualifications:

* Experience in Microbiology, Environmental Science, Food Science and Molecular Biology.
* Must be a US citizen or permanent resident.
* Excellent oral and written communication and interpersonal skills.
* Ability to work well independently and collaboratively in a team, be highly motivated and enjoy learning new technologies.