Subject: Two Ph.D. Positions in Forest Entomology and Ecology - University of Georgia

Dear all,

Please advertise widely and pass this information to interested candidates:

**Two Ph.D. Assistantships Available in Forest Entomology and Ecology**

**University of Georgia, Athens**

 The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia, Athens invites applications from highly motivated and enthusiastic students for two Ph.D. Assistantships starting in Summer/Fall 2018.  The first project will focus on multiple interactions between longleaf pine, bark beetles, and their symbionts (fungi and mites) under disturbance regimes (fire).  This project will be collaborative between Dr. Kamal Gandhi (Warnell School of Forestry) and Dr. Kier Klepzig (Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center).  The second multidisciplinary project with Dr. Gandhi will focus on the community, population, and/or chemical ecology of bark beetles under forest management practices in southeastern pine stands.  The ideal candidates would possess both field and laboratory experience related to entomology, ecology, and/or mycology, a strong statistical background, and an independent spirit to develop, conduct, and publish research.  A M.S. Degree in a related field, especially in forest entomology, pathology, or ecology is a prerequisite for the position.  As a part of the graduate program, extensive fieldwork in southeastern U.S. will be required.

 The Forest Entomology Laboratory (<https://kjgandhi.wixsite.com/gandhi-lab>) at the University of Georgia is a dynamic group that works on a broad range of ecological issues, forest insect species, and ecosystems across the country.  The mission of the Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center (<http://www.jonesctr.org>) is to provide excellence in natural resource management and conservation of southeastern coastal plain ecosystems.  Full training in forest ecology, entomology, and pathology will be provided.  Two competitive Ph.D. assistantships for 3-4 years along with full tuition waiver are available.  Interested students should submit a statement of interest, current CV along with contact information for three references, and unofficial transcripts to Dr. Gandhi (kjgandhi@uga.edu; 706-542-4614).

 The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources (<http://www.warnell.uga.edu/>) is the oldest forestry school in the South, has >70 faculty working in diverse fields, and provides exemplary training of students in the fields of forestry, ecology, and conservation biology.  The School is housed in a four-building complex on campus, and has >23,000 acres in the state for research, teaching, and service activities.  The University of Georgia (<http://www.uga.edu/>) is a “land-grant and sea-grant university, and is also the state's oldest, most comprehensive and most diversified institution of higher education”. Its motto is: "to teach, to serve and to inquire into the nature of things”.  The University of Georgia is an affirmative action and equal opportunity employer.

Best wishes,

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