

Agency: University of Georgia

Location: Athens, GA

Job Category: Graduate Assistantships

Salary: \$22,000/year plus fringe benefits and full tuition waiver

Start Date: Prior to August 1, 2020

Last Date to Apply: Open until candidate selected

Website: <http://www.ugadeerresearch.org>; <https://psychology.uga.edu/directory/people/billy-r-hammond>

Description:

This project is a collaborative effort at University of Georgia (UGA) involving scientists from the Deer Laboratory in the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources and the Behavioral and Brain Sciences Program in the Department of Psychology. We are recruiting a Ph.D. student to study the visual system of white-tailed deer. The focus of the project is to improve understanding of the physiology of deer vision as it relates to their behavior and use of natural habitats. Research will be conducted at the Whitehall Deer Research Facility on the main campus of UGA in Athens, GA. The facility includes a 19-stall barn, a complex of deer handling systems, and fenced outdoor enclosures. A research herd of approximately 60 deer has been maintained at the facility for over 50 years. Studies at Whitehall have been integral to unlocking knowledge of deer visual and hearing capabilities, scent and vocal communications, reproduction, diseases, and techniques for chemical immobilization of deer.

Qualifications:

Applicants should have an expressed interest in animal physiology as well as basic and applied research. Applicants must have completed a Master's degree in a field related to wildlife biology, psychology, visual science, or related scientific fields. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's degree GPA >3.0, M.S. or M.A. GPA >3.5, and GRE combined verbal and quantitative scores >300. The student will join a cohesive team of graduate research assistants investigating various aspects of deer ecology and management (<http://www.ugadeerresearch.org>). Because the project will require extensive work with captive white-tailed deer, the student must be comfortable working with animals with assistance from research staff. The position start date is negotiable, but must begin before August 1, 2020 and funding is available for 3 years.

To be considered for this position, please send a cover letter outlining your interests, research background, and career aspirations as they relate to this position; a resume or curriculum vitae; copies of transcripts (unofficial) for all institutions attended; unofficial copies of GRE scores; and contact information for 3 professional references (name, email, phone, address) combined into a single PDF file with the file name formatted as lastname_firstname to gdangelo@uga.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and the position will remain open until filled.

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