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GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

Pomology

A Graduate Research Assistantship (M.S. or Ph.D.) is available beginning January, 2013, with the Department of Plant and Environmental Science at New Mexico State University (NMSU). The research project will focus on cultivar self-pollination, fertilization, fruit and seed development, fruit nutrient analyses and utilization of jujubes, Chinese dates (*Ziziphus jujuba*). The student will be responsible to develop studies related to this project, collect and analyze data, prepare research manuscripts and research presentations. The student will complete his/her course work on the main campus at Las Cruces, NM, and conduct the research work at both NMSU Alcalde Research Center and the main campus. Position FTE is 20 hours per week during the academic year and 40 hours per week during summer; summer research will be conducted in Alcalde, with housing provided.

Qualifications: Applicants must have a B.S. or M.Sc. degree in horticulture, plant science, botany or related field. Preference will be given to the student with a strong horticulture/plant physiology background.

Current Stipend: M.S. Student – annual stipend amount: **\$21,467/year**
Ph.D. Student – annual stipend amount: **\$22,000/year**
Note: GRA awards are not tuition-free; the successful non-resident candidate pays in-state tuition of \$271.40/credit hour; graduate assistants must register for a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester to retain assistantship.

Availability: January 2013, Summer 2013, at the latest

Application: To apply, email a letter of intent, C.V., copies of transcripts, GRE scores and TOEFL scores (for international applicants only), and contact information for three references to Dr. Shengrui Yao at yaos@nmsu.edu (505-852-4241) prior to submitting a formal application to the NMSU Graduate School.

For details about general application, please visit <http://gradschool.nmsu.edu/>.

This position will be open until filled.