

## Position Announcement

### PhD Research Assistantship

The Department of Ecosystem Science & Management at Texas A&M University is offering a PhD assistantship to work as part of a multidisciplinary team focusing on the resilience of grasslands in the Southern Great Plains (TX/OK). This project has been recommended for funding by the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems (CNH) program.

We seek applications from dynamic and self-motivated people who are interested in studying the human dimensions of using prescribed fire as a management tool in the Southern Great Plains. The student's research project will provide critical information about the role of volunteer associations in promoting the application of prescribed fire and on the economic value of ecosystem services changes resulting from land cover shifts with and without the use of prescribed fire.

Applicants should have completed an MS degree in Natural Resources, Environmental Science, Environmental Economics or Rural Sociology. Training and experience in survey research, the use of both qualitative and quantitative statistical techniques, and in economic valuation methods are preferred. Applicants must be able to work as an effective member of a multi-disciplinary research team.

Pending funding approval, the position will be available starting the fall of 2014. The stipend will be \$21,600 per year and up to 24 credit hours of in-state tuition fees per academic year will also be covered. Three years will be guaranteed with opportunities for the student to obtain additional funding.

Please send a letter of application stating research interests and career goals, resume, transcripts, GRE results, and three references by email to Dr. Urs Kreuter at [urs@tamu.edu](mailto:urs@tamu.edu). Review of applications will commence on August 15, 2014.

Texas A & M University is committed to excellence and invites applications from all qualified applicants. EEO/A/ADA.

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