

## Outreach Notice for Graduate Research Assistantship in Restoration Ecology, University of Nevada Las Vegas

This is an early alert that a Graduate Research Assistantship may become available for a Master's Degree-seeking Native American student to start in August 2016 or after January 2017, with the School of Life Sciences at UNLV, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology program. The Assistantship would be for two years and provide a stipend, health care, and tuition and fees, plus a travel and research budget. The project, to be developed with the student, will partly occur in collaboration with the National Park Service, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The project goal is to reduce non-native plants while increasing native plants, including culturally important native plants, in unique canyons along the Colorado River such as the study site below.



*Example of high-priority watershed for conservation in Glen Canyon National Conservation, Arizona and Utah, and potential research study sites. Photo by S.R. Abella, 2016.*

Further information on the program and university is accessible via the School of Life Sciences website (<http://www.unlv.edu/lifesciences>). UNLV is an urban university, but is surrounded by extensive public land in Nevada and neighboring states. Outdoor recreation opportunities abound year round. See also the UNLV American Indian Alliance for student resources (<https://www.unlv.edu/aia>).

The successful student would work with our Applied Ecology Research Program, which focuses on restoration ecology and conservation ecology. Examples of some of our recent and current projects, plus information for prospective students, are available on our lab website: <https://abellaappliedecologylab.wordpress.com/home/>

Our intention with this early alert is to identify with students who may be interested in formally applying for admission to UNLV as a degree-seeking Master's student when a research assistantship is officially available, ideally late in 2016 or early 2017.

Admission requirements for Master's students with the UNLV School of Life Sciences include a B.S. or B.A. undergraduate degree in biological sciences, ecology, or similar, and a minimum GPA of 3.00/4.00 for the undergraduate degree.

Interested candidates should email me ([scott.abella@unlv.edu](mailto:scott.abella@unlv.edu)) a CV/resume summarizing work experience, undergraduate degree and GPA, and a statement of career objectives, including email and phone contact information.

Dr. Scott R. Abella  
Assistant Professor, Restoration Ecology  
School of Life Sciences  
University of Nevada Las Vegas  
Las Vegas, NV 89154-4004