Title: Opportunity: MS Project in Plant Ecology/Plant Microbiome at New Mexico Highlands University

A Master’s research project is available beginning Fall 2020 in the Griffin Lab at New Mexico Highlands University. Our Botany Lab focuses on plant-microbe interactions and plant community dynamics in the Southwest and temperate deciduous forests (see: https://ericgriffin742.wixsite.com/mysite).

Ideally, the Master’s project will involve using field and greenhouse/growth chamber experiments to assess the diversity, distribution, and impacts of plant-associated bacteria and fungi on plant hosts. Ideal candidates will have taken courses in ecology, plant biology, and microbiology, and have strong written and quantitative skills. Applicants with previous lab (aseptic techniques, culturing, DNA extraction), greenhouse and/or field work experience are highly preferred. The Master’s student will receive a competitive Teaching Assistantship 9-month stipend and tuition waiver. Summer stipends are negotiable.

New Mexico Highlands University is a regional state university in Northern New Mexico where the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and the Great Plains meet. The university has an active graduate program in Natural Sciences with faculty and students from a diversity of science disciplines (https://www.nmhu.edu/landing-biology/).

Review of applications will begin immediately until a suitable candidate is found. Please email me if you are interested in applying for this position at ericgriffin@nmhu.edu. I am happy to answer any questions you have and to direct you to our NMHU graduate school application online.

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