The mammal ecology group, Drs. Rob Swihart, Liz Flaherty, and Pat Zollner, in the Purdue Department of Forestry and Natural Resources is recruiting a motivated Ph.D. student for Fall 2022 to join a collaborative team investigating small mammal responses to forest management methods focused on oak regeneration. The student will assist with ongoing monitoring efforts on the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment (HEE; https://heeforeststudy.org/) and will conduct dissertation research on the behavioral ecology of caching behavior in sciurids and their impact on oak recruitment. Ideally, the student will join the team in May 2022 and work as a technician on the HEE to gain familiarity with the study system before commencing graduate studies in August 2022. The position will include a 12-month stipend, tuition waiver, and health insurance

**Required qualifications** include a GPA of 3.2 and a valid driver’s license. **Strongly preferred qualifications** include (1) a M.S. in wildlife, ecology, natural resources, or related life sciences field, (2) experience with fieldwork including small mammal trapping and vegetation sampling, (3) experience with statistical analysis and modeling, preferably with R, and (4) ability to work effectively as a productive member of a research team.

**To Apply:** Prospective applicants should send via email a letter of interest and CV including contact information for three references to Dr. Rob Swihart (rswihart@purdue.edu). For more information, please contact or visit the websites of the following faculty collaborators: Rob Swihart (https://ag.purdue.edu/fnr/Pages/Profile.aspx?strAlias=rswihart&intDirDeptID=15), Liz Flaherty (https://ag.purdue.edu/fnr/Pages/Profile.aspx?strAlias=eflaher&intDirDeptID=15), and/or Pat Zollner (https://ag.purdue.edu/fnr/Pages/Profile.aspx?strAlias=pzollner&intDirDeptID=15)

Review of materials will begin on 10 November 2021. Purdue University is an EOE/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.

The FNR Graduate Program Committee is hosting a virtual Question and Answer session for prospective students on November 10th 3-5 PM EST. For a link to the Zoom Webinar, please email eflaher@purdue.edu.

Purdue is a land-grant university of over 40,000 students and ranked the 10th best public university in the U.S. The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources is housed administratively in the College of Agriculture (#7 US ranking) and offers vibrant, nationally ranked graduate programs in wildlife and ecology. Located in West Lafayette, Indiana, Purdue is an easy drive from Indianapolis and Chicago. The West Lafayette-Lafayette area is home to a diverse community of 174,000, with good schools, safe neighborhoods, over 40 parks and extensive trail systems, active Farmers Markets, and year-long community festivals and art events.

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