



M.S. Research Assistantship (Wetland Monitoring Project)
Aquaculture/Fisheries Center
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Pine Bluff, AR 71601



**Master of Science in Aquaculture and Fisheries
(specialization in Economics and Marketing)**

Description: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), under the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) and Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) Program, has been providing financial and technical assistance to conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and to restore, protect and enhance enrolled wetlands. The Aquaculture/Fisheries Center at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) is carrying out a research project focusing on the “Development of an Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Framework for the ACEP-WRE Program.” The UAPB will recruit three graduate research assistants to implement this project. They will conduct their thesis related to the project goal. Research findings will be used to recommend an implementable and cost-effective ecological monitoring framework for the NRCS wetlands.

Qualifications: B.S. degree in aquaculture/fisheries, aquaculture/fisheries economics and marketing, agricultural economics, applied economics, econometrics, marketing, agribusiness or a related field, minimum GPA during the Junior and Senior years of 3.0, and GRE of 297 (verbal + quantitative) are required. Minimum TOEFL (iBT) score of 79 or IELTS score of 6.5 (for international students). A strong interest in wetlands, economics and marketing, familiarity with modeling, GIS, and econometric software packages (such as R, SAS, STATA, ArcGIS, etc.), strong writing skills, excellent work ethic, and demonstrated ability to work independently and as a productive member of a research team are required. Demonstrated experience with the management of large databases is desirable.

Stipend: Two years of assured funding @ \$18,800/year.

Closing Date: Application materials are due 30 November 2022 but will be considered until candidates are selected. Descriptions of application procedures and necessary forms can be found at the UAPB Aquaculture/Fisheries Center website, http://www.uapb.edu/academics/school_of_agriculture_fisheries_and_human_sciences/aquaculture_fisheries/jobsnews.aspx. For further information on this specific opportunity, please contact:

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