Graduate student position in Ant Evolution and Ecology

The Blaimer lab at North Carolina State University invites applications for a graduate student (PhD or MSc) beginning in the Spring or Fall semester of 2019. Our research group focuses on applying cutting-edge molecular technologies to address relevant questions in evolutionary biology, systematics and community ecology, mainly by studying ants and other Hymenoptera. We value collection-based research and actively conduct field surveys for ants and other insects, with a particular focus on canopy diversity.

NC State University’s Entomology Department offers a highly-rated research environment and is situated in a vibrant and scientifically stimulating atmosphere in the Research Triangle, with both UNC Chapel Hill and Duke University, as well as the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences close by. Our NC State Insect Museum is a mid-size insect collection that provides state-of-the-art training opportunities in specimen-based research techniques and curation. Raleigh is a lively town with an inexpensive, yet high standard of living, and its surroundings offer numerous recreational activities.

We are looking for a highly motivated student with a keen interest in evolutionary biology and entomology, and a fascination for ants or Hymenoptera. Thesis projects can be tied into ongoing research in the lab, or developed according to mutual interests. Interested students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with our research and publications at www.blaimerlab.weebly.com.

How to apply:
Send a one-page cover letter outlining motivation and research interests, a CV and the names and contact information for three references to Dr. Blaimer at bonnie_blaimer[at]ncsu.edu.

Application Deadline: October 26, 2018.

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