M.S. assistantship in predator-prey interactions at the University of Rhode Island

The Preisser Lab at the University of Rhode Island is seeking a highly-motivated student for M.S. work in predator-prey ecology beginning in fall 2019. Full funding (including two summers) will be provided as a combination of research and teaching assistantships. Applicants should be independent, highly motivated, and possess research and/or field experience. The project addresses the interactions between wasps and caterpillars; specifically, how caterpillars detect and avoid their wasp predators, and whether artificial versions of these risk cues can be used to decrease caterpillar-caused plant damage in agricultural systems. The position also includes some work on the plant-herbivore interactions between eastern hemlock and the invasive hemlock woolly adelgid. Detailed information about my lab is available at https://web.uri.edu/preisserlab/.

Prospective students should contact me (preisser@uri.edu) and provide a short description of research interests and accomplishments, a CV (including GPA and GRE scores; the Graduate School requires a 3.0 GPA for admission), and contact information for three references. I will contact suitable candidates to discuss potential graduate projects and to set up interviews. Formal review of applications will begin January 1, 2019, but interested students should contact me ASAP.