MS and PhD Opportunities in Biology Education Research at the University of New Hampshire

The Aikens lab (https://mypages.unh.edu/mla1011) at the University of New Hampshire is recruiting students interested in obtaining an MS or a PhD in Biology with a research focus in undergraduate biology education. Current research in the lab is primarily focused on addressing questions related to the development of undergraduate biology students’ self-efficacy and values for quantitative skills, particularly in the context of coursework related to ecology and evolutionary biology. Graduate students are expected to develop expertise in the field of ecology and evolutionary biology through coursework while developing a research project that complements ongoing education research in the lab. There are also opportunities to conduct both biology research and education research through co-advisement with faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences who are involved in ecology and evolutionary biology research projects.

Interested students should apply to the Integrative and Organismal Biology option within the Department of Biological Sciences. Teaching assistantships are available to support graduate students. Applications for Fall 2018 are due December 15th. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Dr. Melissa Aikens (melissa.aikens@unh.edu) before applying to discuss research interests and the program.

More information about graduate studies in the Department of Biological Sciences can be found at https://colsa.unh.edu/dbs/biological-sciences-graduate-program, and the application can be accessed at this website: http://gradschool.unh.edu/apply.php

The University of New Hampshire is located in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire and offers a high quality of life. Portsmouth, located only 10 minutes away, is a small, vibrant city with outstanding restaurants and a lively arts and entertainment scene. Boston is an hour drive and accessible by Amtrak from campus. UNH’s close proximity to both beaches (30 minutes) and the White Mountains (1.5 hours) offers numerous opportunities for both summer and winter outdoor adventures.