Two MS assistantships are available starting Fall semester 2019 at Southeastern Louisiana University. One position is specifically open to a student who will use replicated, systematic surveys of bee communities to investigate how fire management of a threatened longleaf pine ecosystem impacts native bee species. The research focus of the second position is undefined, but could target aspects of urban ecology, plant-pollinator interaction networks, species-genetic-diversity-correlations, evolutionary ecology of plant-insect interactions, etc.

Successful applicants will be supported on a competitive two year assistantship plus full tuition waiver. The ideal candidates will be independent, self-motivated, and have interests/training in areas aligned with those described above. Complete applications must be received by the deadline of January 30, and will include a statement of research interests, unofficial GRE scores and transcripts, a current CV/résumé, and two letters of reference. Application materials should be sent directly to Dr. Janice Bossart (jbossart@selu.edu) via email attachment. Applicants must meet minimum requirements to be admitted to the graduate program in Biological Sciences at Southeastern: http://www.southeastern.edu/acad_research/depts/biol/grad_degree/index.html.

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