

MSc opportunity on sensorial ecology and evolution in lizards at George Mason University

A MSc student research position is available to start Fall 2019 in the lab of Dr. Ylenia Chiari at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. We seek a highly motivated prospective graduate student with an interest in physiology, behavioral and sensorial ecology to investigate the function of color and color patterns in lizards. The Chiari Lab ([www.yleniachiarit.it](http://www.yleniachiarit.it)) uses integrative approaches from molecular biology to behavior to computational modeling to study the causes and consequences of morphological variation in reptiles.

Successful candidates will have at least some previous research experience and a strong interest in evolutionary biology. Some background or experience in field work and in handling reptiles in captivity is encouraged, but not required. Application from traditionally underrepresented groups is encouraged.

Deadline for admission to the MSc program in Biology is March 15 2019. <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/systems-biology/biology-ms/>

Full support will be provided through a teaching assistantship. However, the successful candidate will be expected to apply for graduate fellowships during his/her MSc. There is the potential to extend this project as a PhD student if interested.

George Mason is located in the exciting Washington D.C. area and is one of the fastest growing universities in the US. Students can take advantage of the strong inter-connectivity between George Mason and the Smithsonian and other Government and Non-Profit Institutions.

Prospective students should send a short description of their research interests and past research experience along with a resume or CV (including the names of three people who could serve as a reference on your behalf) to [ychiari@gmu.edu](mailto:ychiari@gmu.edu). Selection of candidates will begin immediately, but applications will continue to be reviewed until the end of February.

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