We are seeking a motivated graduate student with interests in riparian forest ecology, ecophysiology, dendroecology, and statistical analysis for a project investigating drought and its impact on riparian ecosystems in the Southwestern USA (Arizona and California). The position is at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) in Syracuse, New York. The research project will assess the impacts of water limitation on riparian trees using tree-ring analysis, stable isotope methods, field surveys, and geospatial approaches. The position is part of an interdisciplinary collaboration with University of California at Santa Barbara and University of Cardiff, and is funded by the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) of the US Department of Defense.

This position is for a Ph.D. assistantship in the Graduate Program in Environmental Science (https://www.esf.edu/environmentalscience/graduate/) and includes a full tuition waiver, stipend and benefits for a minimum of three years. We welcome applications from motivated, curious students with ecological research experience. Ideal candidates will have a MS in ecology, environmental science, or a related field; strong quantitative and writing skills; the ability to work in remote field settings; and interest in riparian forest ecology and tree ecophysiology in dryland regions. The position starts in late Spring or Summer 2019.

Applications should include a brief statement of interest and experience, CV, transcripts, GRE scores, English proficiency scores (if applicable), and a research writing sample, if available. Send email inquiries to John Stella, SUNY-ESF; stella@esf.edu

Established as a college of forestry in 1911, SUNY-ESF is a public, doctoral degree granting institution with an intimate small-college atmosphere and 400 faculty and staff dedicated to solving environmental problems through research, teaching and service. SUNY-ESF has a special relationship with Syracuse University, which is adjacent to the campus, and ESF students have access to many of the resources and benefits that come from an association with a larger university. SUNY-ESF ranked 46th in the 2019 US News and World Report rankings of the top public national universities. The Princeton Review ranked ESF as the #2 Green College, and the Sierra Club listed ESF among the nation’s top Cool Schools. Located in central New York State, Syracuse is a lively city (http://www.syrgov.net/) within a day drive of major urban centers (New York, Boston, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal), as well as abundant natural beauty (Adirondacks, Thousand Is! lands, Finger Lakes, Niagara Falls).

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