



SOIL SCIENCE GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP

POSITION	Graduate Research Assistant (GRA), M.Sc., Soil and Environmental Biophysics Sustainability of Bioenergy Crops in North Carolina
JOB DESCRIPTION	<p>We seek a student to conduct research focused on the sustainability and productivity of bioenergy crops in marginal soils in North Carolina. This research will help evaluate the productivity of giant miscanthus (<i>Miscanthus x giganteus</i>) as a function of different management strategies.</p> <p>Based on applicant interest, there is opportunity to investigate the effect of miscanthus on soil properties or leaf gas exchange and canopy radiation use efficiency as part of graduate training. Presentation of research results for technical and non-technical audiences at local, regional, and national meetings will be an important component of training. All graduate research assistants participate in the Department’s teaching program.</p>
LOCATION	<p>Crop & Soil Sciences Department, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC</p> <p>We are unique among our U.S. and international peers due to our broad and intensive expertise spanning land use, agriculture, and environmental protection. Our outstanding faculty and strong collaborations with other scientists at our Research I university and elsewhere make us an internationally-recognized center for innovative research and graduate training. We seek high quality students pursuing careers in soil science and related fields.</p> <p>The Raleigh-Durham area consistently ranks among the best places to live in the United States, largely due to its vibrant intellectual community and ample access to recreational and cultural activities.</p>
QUALIFICATIONS	B.Sc. in Soil Science; Agronomy; Agricultural or Environmental Engineering or closely related field is preferred. Demonstrated excellence in course work. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Ability to work independently and as a team member. Experience in field-based research is preferred. Good working knowledge of physics and electronics is desired but not prerequisite.
STIPEND	Annual stipend is \$22,500. Tuition and health insurance covered under the Graduate Student Support Plan.
HOW TO APPLY:	<p>For further information about this position, please contact: Josh Heitman (jlheitman@ncsu.edu, 919-513-1593) <i>or</i> Amy Johnson (amjohns2@ncsu.edu 919-515-6968) <i>Applications must be submitted online through the NCSU Graduate School (see the “Apply Now” option at www.ncsu.edu/grad/).</i></p>
DATE AVAILABLE:	August 2021 or until a suitable candidate is identified
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