

## **Ph.D. Assistantship in Human Dimensions of Wildlife (Available for Fall 2018)**

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management (PRTM) at North Carolina State University invites applications for a doctoral research assistantship beginning in Fall 2018. The successful applicant will work under the supervision of [Dr. Lincoln Larson](#) on a study evaluating college students' beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors related to hunting and wildlife conservation. This research project is sponsored by the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies' Multistate Conservation Grant Program (AFWA) as part of the organization's ongoing efforts to enhance hunter recruitment/retention and conservation. Working with collaborators at NC State, the candidate will have a unique opportunity to help coordinate a team of established researchers and practitioners from 26 public universities and state wildlife agencies across all regions of the United States. [Click here](#) for more information about the project and collaborators.

### **Key Responsibilities & Opportunities:**

- **Research:** Work with faculty advisor and partners to advance human dimensions of wildlife conservation theory and practice, generating conservation impacts; Assist with study design, data collection, and analysis, implementing a multi-phase project across 13 states.
- **Writing & Communication:** Assist or lead in developing academic presentations, peer-reviewed journal articles, non-technical reports (e.g., Practitioner's Guide), outreach materials, and other deliverables.
- **Teaching & Mentoring:** Train and supervise undergraduate research assistants and/or serve as a teaching assistant in PRTM courses.
- **Professional Development & Networking:** Interact with partners from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds, fostering professional connections and potential employment opportunities across multiple sectors.

### **Required Qualifications:**

- Master's degree (preferably thesis-based) in human dimensions of natural resources, parks and recreation management, or a related discipline
- Desire to pursue a Ph.D. degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management (or related field within the [College of Natural Resources](#))
- Background or experience in quantitative (survey-based) data collection and analysis
- Strong verbal and writing communication skills
- Strong leadership, organizational, and project management skills
- Ability to collaboratively work with others
- Meet admissions requirements of the NC State Graduate School ([found here](#))

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Strong interest in wildlife conservation attitudes and behaviors
- Experience working for or with state or federal wildlife management agencies
- Experience studying or working with hunters and hunting

**Assistantship Package:** The assistantship provides an annual stipend of \$18,000 that also includes tuition, student fees, health insurance, and funds to support professional development. It assumes 20 hours per week dedicated to the project and 20 hours dedicated to coursework. Position is renewable for up to 3 years based on satisfactory progress.

**Starting Date:** The targeted (negotiable) starting date for the assistantship is August 15, 2018.

**How to Apply:** Please begin the application process by sending an email to Dr. Lincoln Larson ([LRLarson@ncsu.edu](mailto:LRLarson@ncsu.edu)) with the following items in one PDF document:

- 1) Letter of Intent (personal statement describing relevant experience and research interests)
- 2) Resume or CV
- 3) Contact Information for 3 Academic References

**Position will remain open until filled, with all applications submitted by January 15, 2018 receiving full consideration.** If selected for the position, applicants will be asked to [submit an online application](#) to the NC State Graduate School.

**About the Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management (PRTM):**

[PRTM](#) is a multidisciplinary department that addresses critical research questions related to the human dimensions of natural and built environments, human health and wellbeing, equitable and sustainable tourism, as well as geovisualization, spatial analytics, and GIS. The mission of PRTM is to advance and disseminate scholarship concerning management and use of natural and cultural resources for recreation, tourism, and sport through research, teaching and public engagement. Questions about the [PRTM Graduate Program](#) can be sent to Dr. Yu-Fai Leung, Director of Graduate Programs ([leung@ncsu.edu](mailto:leung@ncsu.edu)).

**About the College of Natural Resources (CNR):**

[CNR](#) is a world leader in the sustainable use of natural resources. CNR's comprehensive approach to teaching, research and service encompasses the many and varied ways in which people's physical, economic and social needs are met through the wise use of natural resources. CNR is committed to interdisciplinary research, teaching and engagement, as nurturing and enjoying the environment and engineering sustainable products go hand-in-hand with helping communities and enterprises thrive. The faculty, staff, students and alumni of CNR are discovering and sharing real world solutions to real world problems every day.

**About the Campus & Community:**

Campus life at [NC State](#) is lively and varied. It offers [numerous opportunities for graduate students](#) hoping to build a rewarding and well-balanced life. The university is located in Raleigh, NC: consistently rated as one of the nation's [best places to live](#), work and play!

If you have any questions about this assistantship opportunity, please contact:

[Dr. Lincoln Larson](#), [LRLarson@ncsu.edu](mailto:LRLarson@ncsu.edu) or 919-515-8947

*NC State is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. NC State University welcomes all persons without regard to sexual orientation or genetic information.*