

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduate Assistantship Position Announcement

Position: Graduate Research Assistantships (2)
Plant Science, 0.49% time

Location: Plant Science Department
South Dakota State University
Brookings, SD 57007

Qualifications: B.S. or M.S. degree in Entomology, Agronomy, Biology, Plant Science, or related discipline. A strong background in ecology is desirable. Candidates must meet academic requirements of the Graduate School and the Plant Science Department. The student will be expected to work independently and as a team member.

Research Objectives: The research will test hypotheses about factors responsible for the decline in abundance of native species of lady beetles in North America, and may be conducted in the laboratory, field, or both. Experiments will consider various aspects of the biology of native lady beetles that may include one or more of the following: 1) the reproductive biology and optimal methods for rearing of one or more species of native lady beetles, 2) interspecific interactions among native lady beetle species and other biological organisms, and 3) characterization and conservation of extant populations of once-common species of lady beetles in South Dakota.

Stipend and Tuition Fees: Current M.S. stipend rate is \$16,709 per annum. Graduate assistants receive a two-thirds tuition remission on graduate resident rates.

How to apply: Send a letter of application which includes a statement of career objectives, current resume (including the name, address and telephone number of 3 references), and a copy of academic transcripts to:

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Date available: Spring 2009

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