Ph.D. Graduate Assistantship

**Employer:** Illinois Natural History Survey, a Division of the Prairie Research Institute (PRI)

**Location:** Champaign, IL

**Closing Date:** Summer 2016

The student can enroll with the U of I Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES), or through the Program for Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology (PEEC). The successful candidate will also spend time conducting research at the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center in Alton, IL.

**Responsibilities:** Potential dissertation topics include a wide variety ecology and management issues relevant to fish communities in the Upper Mississippi River, such as invasive species, ancient sport fishes (e.g., sturgeon, paddlefish), habitat restoration, and quantitative analysis of long-term population and community dynamics. The successful candidate will have access to long-term data from two monitoring programs, access to mesocosm and wet-lab facilities, and sampling equipment for working in large-floodplain rivers.

**Qualifications:** M.S. degree in fisheries ecology, aquatic ecology, or related field, and experience with sampling fishes in freshwater ecosystems. Candidates with proven experience and skills in written and oral communication, quantitative analysis, and the ability to work in collaborative teams are preferred. Applicants must be self-motivated, demonstrate a passion for fisheries and ecological research, be physically capable of working long hours in demanding outdoor conditions, and be willing to assist with all aspects of monitoring and research work required by the agencies funding this assistantship.

**Salary:** approximately $24,000/per year + Tuition and partial fee waiver

**Start date:** Fall semester 2016

Send cover letter, CV (including contact info for 3 references), unofficial transcripts, and GRE scores to: Dr. John Chick – chick@illinois.edu

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