PhD Position at Univ. Alabama to Study Evolving MetaEcosystems in Alaskan Riparian Insect Communities

Funding for a PhD position is available at the University of Alabama in the laboratories of Dr. Carla Atkinson and Dr. Jeff Lozier. The position is part of a recently awarded NSF Institute: The Evolving Meta-Ecosystems (EvoME) Institute to Investigate the resilience of Arctic organisms and ecosystems to rapid climate change. We are seeking a student interested in studying terrestrial and stream invertebrates (ground beetles, mayflies, stoneflies) to investigate links between community ecology, trait variation, ecological stoichiometry, thermal biology, and genomics across a broad latitudinal gradient in Alaska. The EvoME Institute is a 6-year project that will involve a large collaborative team, and the student's research will help address major questions about adaptability to a warming arctic in diverse terrestrial and aquatic species, including fish, willows, sparrows, beetles, and mayflies.



The student will get to work with a diverse and highly dynamic group of collaborators and will have the unique experience of spending their summers conducting field work at Toolik Field Station (<u>www.uaf.edu/toolik/</u>) in the Alaskan tundra. The position will be available starting in the Spring 2025 semester, but there is flexibility in the start date.

Interested applicants should contact Carla Atkinson (<u>clatkinson@ua.edu</u>) or Jeff Lozier (<u>jlozier@ua.edu</u>) for more information. The position is available starting

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