



M.S. GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP: QUANTIFYING COLDWATER STREAM REACHES IN MISSOURI

Missouri Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit
The School of Natural Resources, University of Missouri

Position title: M.S. Research Assistantship identifying cold and cool water stream reaches in Missouri.

Agency/location: Missouri Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, The School of Natural Resources, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri

Responsibilities: We seek a MS student to help quantify patterns of occurrence and abundance of aquatic cold-water species at stream sites to determine water temperatures, fish assemblages, and macroinvertebrates that delineate between cold and cool water streams. The selected student will work directly with Dr. Craig Paukert (U.S. Geological Survey, University of Missouri) but will be expected to interact regularly with biologists with the Missouri Department of Conservation or other agencies. The selected student will be expected to conduct field work in wadeable and nonwadeable streams in the Missouri Ozarks and other regions of the state.

Qualifications: BS in fisheries, ecology, or related program, minimum of GPA of 3.2 in last 2 years. Preference will be given to candidates with experience operating boats, stream or river sampling techniques, interest in using research to solve management problems, demonstrated ability or interest to work with agencies, and ability to present/publish research results.

Stipend: 24,000/year; includes full tuition waiver and health insurance.

Closing date: Review begins January 8, 2024, and open until filled. Start date of May 2024 or earlier.

Contact: Send letter of interest, resume, contact information for three references, and copy of transcripts (unofficial and email OK) in one document to Craig Paukert, Missouri Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, The School of Natural Resources, University of Missouri-Columbia. 573-355-6900; paukerc@missouri.edu; webpage: <http://riverstudies.com/>.