

POSITION AVAILABLE: RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN PLANT ECOLOGY
Archbold Biological Station, Lake Placid, Florida.
Available July 2019.

We seek a motivated, experienced plant ecologist for a research assistant position in the Plant Ecology Laboratory of Dr. Eric Menges at Archbold Biological Station, located in south-central Florida.

Duties include leading field data collection, field experiments, and lab work. Additional duties include data analysis, data management, preparing written reports, and contributing to manuscripts. Our research focuses on plant population biology, fire ecology, restoration ecology, conservation biology, and community ecology; with a focus on the endemic plants of Florida scrub and on long-term data collection and analysis. Our lab consists of 4 full time scientists together with variable numbers of interns, graduate students, and collaborators; and is a stimulating and enjoyable workplace.

Archbold is devoted to research, conservation, and education and is particularly strong in demography, conservation biology, fire ecology, and behavioral ecology. Archbold's 8000-acre natural area has outstanding examples of central Florida ecosystems and unique species. We also work within an extensive regional network of managed areas, both publically and privately owned.

Ideal candidates should have a Master's or a BA/BS degree in biology or ecology with a focus in field research and at least two years research experience. Experience collecting ecological data, skills in data handling, a willingness to work both as part of a team and independently, and stamina to work in a subtropical climate are all required. Experience using ArcGIS is also strongly desirable. Strong candidates may also have specific training or experience in plant population biology, fire ecology, Florida ecology, statistical analyses, scientific writing, conservation, and land management. This position is ideal for a young professional looking to build their resume beyond graduate school and field technician jobs.

Benefits include competitive salary (depending on experience), annual leave, paid holidays, health, dental, life and long-term disability insurance, and retirement plan. The RA will have many professional development opportunities, including presenting talks at scientific meetings and attending specialized training.

This position will be funded by research grants. We ask for a commitment of 1-2 years.

Prospective applicants should seek more information on Archbold and the Plant Ecology Lab at <https://www.archbold-station.org/> and <https://www.archbold-station.org/html/research/plant/plant.html> respectively.

Applications will be reviewed beginning in May 2019 and will be accepted until the position is filled. All application materials should be sent via email. Include a cover letter summarizing experience and qualifications, a CV or resume, lists of courses and grades, and names, phone numbers, and email addresses for 3 references. Archbold is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from members of underrepresented groups.

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