



Department of  
Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology

## Student Research Experience: Undergraduate Research Assistant 2020-2021 Academic Year

### OVERVIEW:

*The Thum Lab is seeking an undergraduate research assistant to assist with PhD research. Motivated students will also have the opportunity to develop independent research related to this project.*



### JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Assist in maintaining greenhouse cultures of aquatic plants. Specific duties include, but are not limited to:
  - Transplanting cultured stocks
  - Washing and preparing pots/buckets for replanting
  - Changing water in plant cultures
  - Keeping greenhouse spaces clean and organized
  - Maintaining frequent and open communication with supervisors by setting goals and sharing progress
- Passionate and dependable students can also develop independent research project under the supervision of Dr. Ryan Thum and PhD students in the lab

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Interest in weed management and evolution, and general curiosity about ecological questions
- Flexibility and willingness to dedicate time each week to greenhouse work and project development
- Research experience in an ecology-related field

**SCHEDULE:** Candidates must be able to allocate approximately 10 hours per week to their work. Hours will often be flexible, but accountability will be expected for scheduled meetings and time-sensitive tasks. The position will be open for the 2020-2021 academic year, with opportunities to extend the position for exemplary students.

**COMPENSATION:** This is a paid position, with pay depending on experience.

### HOW TO APPLY:

Email a resume, as well as a cover letter detailing your interest in plant science and evolution to:  
[hannah.hoff@student.montana.edu](mailto:hannah.hoff@student.montana.edu) and [greg.chorak@student.montana.edu](mailto:greg.chorak@student.montana.edu).