

## **M.S. Assistantship – Farmers and Farmland Owners Attitudes to Targeted Conservation**

**Agency:** School of Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska

**Location:** Lincoln, NE

**Job Category:** MS Assistantship

**Salary:** \$24,000 per year, with tuition waiver (student is responsible for fees) and health insurance

**Start Date:** August 2020

**Last Date to Apply:** Open until filled

**Website:** <https://wildlifecologylab.unl.edu/>

**Description:** The Applied Wildlife Spatial Ecology Lab (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) is recruiting an M.S. student with an interest in identifying key factors affecting farmer and farmland owner involvement in the spatial targeting of conservation programs in Nebraska. The student will join a collaborative research project involving faculty and staff from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Kearney, and the Nebraska Water Center. The successful candidate will be expected to conduct mail and email surveys, and focus groups of farmers and farmland owners throughout Nebraska. These tasks will require considerable effort, especially on weekends and evenings.

**Qualifications:** BS degree in human dimensions, wildlife and fisheries, ecology, or closely related fields. The successful applicant must be highly motivated and possess strong work ethics, excellent communication skills, and passion for collaborative research. Applicant must be comfortable interacting with farmers and farmland owners. Preference will be given to applicants with prior experience or training in human dimensions survey design, implementation, and analysis including the use of R statistical software. Applicants should possess a valid driver's license.

To be considered for this position, please send a cover letter outlining your interests, research background, and career aspirations as they pertain to this position; a resume or curriculum vitae; copies of transcripts (unofficial); and contact information for 3 professional references (name, email, phone, address) combined in a single PDF file with the file name formatted as lastname\_firstname.pdf (e.g., doe\_john.pdf) to Dr. Andrew Little ([alittle6@unl.edu](mailto:alittle6@unl.edu)). Review of applications will begin immediately and the position will remain open until filled.

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