

******* NSF IGERT-Applied Biodiversity Science Opportunity*******
PhD Program Traineeships
Texas A&M University

Participating faculty in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences and nine other departments at Texas A&M University would like to encourage prospective doctoral students to apply to the new Integrated Graduate Education and Research Traineeship "Applied Biodiversity Science: Bridging Ecology, Culture and Governance."

The vision of Applied Biodiversity Science (ABS) is to achieve integration between biodiversity research and on-the-ground conservation practices. Three pillars support the program: (1) integrated research in biological and social sciences; (2) cross-disciplinary research and collaboration with conservation institutions and actors in the field, and (3) application of conservation theory to practice.

Research teams of faculty mentors and students, in collaboration with international partners, will develop complementary dissertations related to two research themes: (A) Ecological Functions and Biodiversity; and (B) Communities and Governance. The ABS-IGERT will produce scientists prepared to understand ecological functions of local ecosystems, and also the activities and needs of surrounding communities in wider social, economic, and political contexts.

The NSF-IGERT Program Traineeships include a \$30,000 stipend per year plus \$10,500 toward cost of education (tuition, fees, health insurance, and other benefits) and some funding for field research.

Please consult Dr. Amanda Stronza (astronza@tamu.edu) or the ABS website (<http://biodiversity.tamu.edu>) for more information.