

Graduate Assistant Position at the University of Maryland, College Park (USA)

The EspíndoLab has an opening for a **Graduate Assistant position**, with a potential start date in the Fall semester 2020. The lab is interested in understanding the effect of the environment on inter-species interactions and communities. To do so, we combine **geospatial, phylogenetic and phylogeographic, and ecological approaches**. One of the current foci in our work is seeking to understand how changes in the biotic and abiotic environments affect and have affected through historical and geological times the gain, loss, and maintenance of **specialized pollination interactions**, and the **structure of communities**. Work in our lab has spanned many taxa (from plants, to insects, to snails, and millipedes) and large spatial scales (with field sites in South America, Europe, and North America).

The Department of Entomology at the University of Maryland, College Park (www.entomology.umd.edu) is housed in the Colleges of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences (CMNS) and Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR). The Department stands out for its **state-of-the-art science**, its **collegiality, diversity, and inclusiveness**. The Department is in suburban Maryland, in the Washington D.C. area, offering opportunities of collaborations with many of the research and teaching institutions present in the region. The location gives unique access to cultural and recreational activities available both in the city and the surrounding region. The University of Maryland, College Park is considered a “Public Ivy-League”, ranked among the **50 top Universities in the world**, and offers an excellent educational, cultural, and recreational environment to work, study, and live.

We are seeking a motivated, independent, and creative Graduate Assistant to join our lab to work on **phylogenomics** or on **pollination interactions in fragmented landscapes**. The ideal candidate holds a Master’s degree (or equivalent), has experience in independent research, and is interested in joining a dynamic and collaborative working environment. Women and members of minority groups are encouraged to apply. If interested, email a motivation letter, your CV, and contact information of two references to Prof. Anahí Espíndola ([anahiesp\[at\]umd.edu](mailto:anahiesp[at]umd.edu)). Applications received before **October 31st, 2019** will be fully considered, and the selected candidates will be invited to apply to the Entomology or Biological Sciences Graduate Program, as appropriate. Application and acceptance by the University of Maryland Graduate program is required. For questions, email Prof. Espíndola ([anahiesp\[at\]umd.edu](mailto:anahiesp[at]umd.edu)).

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Learn about the lab: <http://anahiespindola.github.io>

Entomology Graduate Program: <https://entomology.umd.edu/graduate.html>

Biological Sciences Graduate Program: <https://www.bisi.umd.edu/bees-1>

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