

Graduate Research Assistantship (MS) in Conservation Market Design

Description The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AGEC) at the University of Wyoming is currently seeking a highly qualified graduate research assistant (MS student level) to conduct economics experiments on optimal conservation market design. These experiments will be the subject of the student's thesis research. Experiment results will inform development of a payment for ecosystem services program called the Wyoming Conservation Exchange (click [here](#) for project website), currently preparing to facilitate exchange of tradable conservation credits for greater sage-grouse habitat. Project partners for the Wyoming Conservation Exchange include The Nature Conservancy, Wyoming Stock Growers Association, Environmental Defense Fund, and a local conservation district. Funding for the position has been obtained through a competitive grant award from the Center for Behavioral & Experimental Agri-Environmental Research. The successful candidate will work directly with AGEC faculty Kristi Hansen, Chian Jones Ritten, Chris Bastian, and Amy Nagler, and project partners of the Wyoming Conservation Exchange.

Qualifications The successful applicant must hold a bachelor's degree and be accepted as a graduate student at the University of Wyoming (click [here](#) for AGEC/UW admission requirements). Preference will be given to applicants with strong quantitative skills and a BS in agricultural economics, economics, or a related field.

Compensation The successful candidate(s) will receive a full waiver of tuition and fees (including health insurance) to pursue an MS in Agricultural Economics at UW. The candidate will be compensated with a monthly stipend (approximately \$1,340/month), as long as he/she performs adequately (determined via evaluation each semester) in both coursework and research as a full-time AGEC graduate student.

Application Please send the following to Dr. Kristi Hansen by email (kristi.hansen@uwyo.edu):

- (1) Cover letter describing your interest in the research project and any unique qualifications;
- (2) Resume indicating your scholarly, extracurricular, and work experiences;
- (3) Contact information for three professional references (indicate their position/role); and
- (4) Copy of all undergraduate transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable) and GRE scores.

Review of applications will begin on February 1 and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. The preferred candidate will then be required to submit a full application to the University of Wyoming Admissions Office.

Please contact [Dr. Hansen](#), [Dr. Jones-Ritten](#), or [Dr. Bastian](#), or [Ms. Nagler](#) directly for more information on the assistantship. Please contact [Dr. Benjamin Rashford](#), Graduate Program Coordinator, for information about our graduate program.