

The Stream Fish Ecology Lab at Tennessee Tech (<https://www.tntechstreamfishecology.org/>) is looking to fill one MS position to begin in fall 2021. The student will work on a project examining the role of *Nocomis* river chubs as potential keystone species. We will conduct field work in the Little Tennessee River Basin in east Tennessee, and the work will involve monitoring responses of aquatic invertebrates and stream fishes to the construction and presence of chub nests that are used for reproduction. The student will be supported by a research assistantship through the Tennessee Tech Water Center and will receive a monthly stipend.

Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Biology, Wildlife, Conservation, or a related discipline. Additionally, one of the following two requirements must be met for full admission to the Department of Biology graduate program:

(1) a minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 OR an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 in all Biology, Wildlife, Fisheries Science, and related courses

(2) combined quantitative and verbal GRE score totaling 300, and a minimum analytical writing score of 3.0

Strong applicants will also have experience working in freshwater environments and a strong interest in the ecology and conservation of such systems..

Applicants should send the following materials to Dr. Kit Wheeler at kitwheeler@tntech.edu: (1) cover letter detailing their interest in the position; (2) resume or CV; (3) unofficial transcripts and, if necessary, GRE scores; (4) contact information for two individuals familiar with their academic and research performance and potential. To ensure full consideration for the position, application materials should be delivered by March 31, 2021.