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Graduate Research Assistantship in Endangered Plant Conservation and Habitat Restoration at Texas A&M University

We are seeking a Graduate Research Assistant at either the Master's and PhD level in plant community ecology and conservation biology beginning June 2007 (start time is flexible). The student will work collaboratively with faculty, graduate and undergraduate students in the newly formed Department of Ecosystem Science and Management at Texas A&M University on studies aimed toward the conservation of federally endangered Navasota Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*) (NLT) orchids and functionally restoring grassland habitats where this plant is located. Our goals for this research will be to offset NLT plants impacted by future development projects and devise strategies for the promotion and mitigation of existing NLT populations. Applicants must possess strong writing and speaking skills, be able to conduct research independently, and be capable of interacting with and motivating others. Successful applicants must also be willing to work in adverse weather and physically challenging conditions. The assistantships will provide an annual stipend of \$15,000 for PhD candidates and \$13,500 for MS plus a full tuition waiver and health insurance assistance. Students with exceptional academic credentials may be eligible for more lucrative University fellowships. Interested applicants should send 1. Letter of interest, 2. Curriculum vitae, 3. Unofficial transcripts, 4. GRE scores and 5. Contact information for three references by Feb. 28, 2006 to:

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