I’m inviting applications for a graduate teaching assistantship available in my lab working on questions centered on the ecology, conservation and management of waterfowl or waterbirds. Applicants should be highly motivated and interested in a professional career in avian conservation, management, and research.

The exact research topic is flexible, but must fit with the types of research that I and my students are currently conducting. Possible projects areas that would dovetail with ongoing efforts include investigating the ecology of endangered Hawaiian waterbirds (duck, coot, moorhen, and stilt) in a complex wetland system that includes natural wetlands and taro agriculture; the spatial and population ecology of American wigeon; climate change, sea level rise and shorebirds in coastal estuaries; wintering geese in Oregon; or cross seasonal influences on migratory waterfowl in the Pacific Flyway.

The student would initially be supported with a graduate teaching assistantship and would be expected to participate in grant writing to fund aspects of their research.

Qualifications

The successful candidate should have an undergraduate degree in wildlife, ecology, or a related field. To be considered for the position send a cover letter, copies of transcripts and GRE scores (unofficial is acceptable), a resume that includes the names and contact numbers for 3 references, and a sample of your writing to Dr. Bruce Dugger (bruce.dugger@oregonstate.edu). Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a suitable candidate is found. The student is expected to start school in Corvallis this fall (October 1). For more information about the wildlife program at OSU (http://fw.oregonstate.edu/) and more information about the Dugger lab visit (http://fwl.oregonstate.edu/labs/dugger/).