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**To:** Prospective PhD Students

**From:** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program, Texas A&M University

**Re:** Travel Grants to visit EEB at Texas A&M

**The Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program at Texas A&M is pleased to announce the availability of travel grants for prospective PhD students.** These travel grants, which will be awarded on a competitive basis, will cover the cost of a domestic flight to and from College Station, hotel accommodation in College Station, plus *per diem* for meals. The aim of the travel grant is to provide prospective PhD students the opportunity to:

- Interview with faculty and meet current graduate students
- Tour the affiliated departments and campus to learn about available resources and facilities
- Explore College Station and its surrounding areas

**Travel grants will be awarded in January with travel scheduled for February 2024.** Travel grant awardees will spend time together during their visit, thus gaining immediate insights into their future cohort.

**Why should you consider obtaining a PhD at Texas A&M University?** The Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Interdisciplinary Program at Texas A&M is a doctoral program at one of the largest and best-funded universities in the United States. It has a strong mixture of nationally and internationally recognized junior and senior faculty working across the globe on a diverse range of basic and applied research spanning: physiological, population, community, ecosystem and landscape ecology, genetics, genomics, behavior, and systematics (***to learn about our faculty visit:*** <http://eeb.tamu.edu/people/faculty/>). Support for graduate study is available through multiple sources, including teaching assistantships, research fellowships, and internal merit fellowships\*. Texas A&M University is positioned at the interface of the Neotropics and Nearctic, in Blackland Prairie and Post Oak Savannah habitat which supports great species diversity and a wealth of research opportunities with a great climate during the academic year. Its location also provides a base for access to a broad range of habitats and research sites. Additionally, its proximity to Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio offers easy air travel and a cultural component to our graduate experience.

**How to apply?** ***To be considered for a travel grant***, prospective PhD students first need to contact Heather Baldi, the EEB Program Coordinator (email: [heather.baldi@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:heather.baldi@ag.tamu.edu) phone: 979.845.2114). ***To receive a travel grant***, an official Graduate Application package must be submitted to the EEB Program. For additional information about the EEB Program and the graduate application process please visit: <http://eeb.tamu.edu>

***\* For consideration for merit fellowships, your application needs to be received by December 1, 2023.***