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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 2025. 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: eebphd@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, 2025.***