



Doctoral Fellowship - Spring 2018

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Marine Zooplankton Ecology



The Robinson Lab in the Department of Biology at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is seeking highly motivated applicants for a Ph.D. student position to start **Spring 2018**. Research in the Robinson Lab focuses on understanding how marine zooplankton populations respond to climate-related and anthropogenic perturbations, with an emphasis on gelatinous plankton predators (i.e. jellyfish). Specifically, how variability in biophysical features operating at a range of spatio-temporal scales affect zooplankton abundance, distribution, and mediate predator-prey interactions.

The position will be supported by a UL Lafayette Doctoral Fellowship for the first 3 years (with MSc) or 4 years (without MSc). The annual fellowship stipend is **\$18,000 per year** (plus tuition waiver). Eligibility requirements include: US citizenship (or permanent residency) or degree from a US institution; a 3.5 undergraduate GPA with a better average in the major field or 3.7 graduate GPA if graduate hours have been pursued; and a GRE combined verbal and quantitative score of 308. The student will be supported by a teaching assistantship for up to 2 years (\$17,000 per year) following the fellowship period.

Qualifications: A Master's degree in a related field (e.g., marine biology, oceanography, ecology) is preferred, but well-qualified recent undergraduates will also be considered. The position will require both laboratory experiments and field work.

The UL Lafayette campus is located in the heart of Acadiana - a rich cultural area known for its excellent food, music, festivals and quality of life. The [Biology Department](#) consists of approximately 30 faculty members, over 70 students currently pursuing graduate degrees, and several postdoctoral research associates. We are actively engaged in research and education as part of one of the largest biology programs located on the Gulf Coast.

To Apply: To be considered for the fellowship, please email Dr. Kelly Robinson (kelly.robinson@louisiana.edu) a single PDF file containing your CV, a cover letter with your research interests and experience, and contact information for three professional references. Materials should be received by **October 1, 2017**. Qualified candidates will be contacted directly by Dr. Robinson and encouraged to submit a full application to the graduate program.