

We are currently **recruiting a PhD student for Fall 2025** to work jointly with the [Williams Lab](#) and the [Aubry Lab](#) at Colorado State University (CSU). The research project will focus on physiological ecology, population ecology, and/or life-history strategies of arctic ground squirrels, with field work taking place at Toolik Field Station in northern Alaska. Please provide a letter of interest to Cory Williams & Lise Aubry that describes your background and research interests, a copy of your CV (include contact information for three references), writing sample such as a published manuscript or M.S. thesis, and unofficial university transcripts: [cory.williams@colostate.edu](mailto:cory.williams@colostate.edu). Please apply by December 15th, 2024 for full consideration.

Prospective graduate students at CSU have the option of which graduate program they would like to join. For this position, prospective graduate students may either apply to [the Biology Graduate Program](#) or the [Graduate Degree Program in Ecology \(GDPE\)](#) ([Dec 1 is a free graduate application day](#)). You may wait to officially apply until after we've contacted you to let you know you are a preferred candidate.

**Salary and Benefits.** This position will include 5-years of support with approximately half of spring/summer support coming through a graduate research assistantship (GRA) and half coming through a graduate teaching assistantship (GTA) – summers are funded through a GRA. Please note: A 12-month appointment at 50% effort (20h/week) is considered a full-time appointment for graduate students at Colorado State University. Funding is also provided for tuition, fees, and health insurance. Field expenses such as lodging, field equipment, lab assay costs, will be covered as well. We will also help the student apply for additional funding in the form of research grants and fellowships to help develop their grant-writing skills.

**Qualifications.** Required: B.S. in wildlife, environmental sciences, or related field and possession of a valid U.S. driver's license. The successful applicant must also meet the minimum requirements for admission to the CSU Graduate School (3.0 GPA in last two years of undergrad). Applicants should also have demonstrated excellent written and oral communication skills and an ability to work independently while following safety protocols. Strong preference will be given to applicants who have completed an M.S. in wildlife, ecology, environmental science or a related field, as well as applicants with extensive field experience and a strong quantitative background.

**Lab Philosophy.** Every member of our labs contributes to making our working environment nurturing, welcoming, and productive for all individuals who decide to join us. We welcome all ethnicities, religions, genders, countries of origin, and other aspects of diversity. We are also happy to engage with student organizations that help promote the success of minorities, first-generation students, and veterans.

**Studying at Colorado State University.** Colorado State University is a land grant university with about 27,500 students located in Fort Collins, Colorado. Fort Collins residents enjoy a high quality of life, and the city is often rated as one of the best places to live in the United States. The city has numerous bike paths, a vibrant downtown and community, and is adjacent to the Colorado Rocky Mountains, with easy access to many outdoor activities.

