

The Division of Biology at Kansas State University has been awarded new funding from the US Department of Education GAANN program to support up to seven Graduate Fellows for PhD research in the areas of Ecology, Evolution and Genomics (EEG). The Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) program provides fellowships to assist graduate students with excellent academic records who can demonstrate financial need. EEG GAANN Fellowships include tuition and a stipend of up to \$30,000 per year (based on financial need).

The Ecology, Evolution and Genomics GAANN draws on the strengths of our Ecological Genomics Institute (<http://ecogen.ksu.edu> <<http://ecogen.ksu.edu>>), expertise in Grassland Ecology, and Konza Prairie Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) program (<http://kpbs.konza.ksu.edu> <<http://kpbs.konza.ksu.edu>>). Areas of study open to Graduate Fellows include:

- Molecular and Physiological Basis of Organismal Adaptation
- Genetic Architecture of Speciation
- Population Structure of Grassland Species
- Conservation Genetics
- Ecological Genomics
- Metagenomics
- Community Ecology
- Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecology

GAANN awards are made to programs and institutions to sustain and enhance the capacity for teaching and research in areas of national need. The interdisciplinary GAANN program in Biology at Kansas State University will address the critical need to train biologists to be effective teachers and skilled researchers in diverse professional and cultural contexts. One outcome of the GAANN program will be to train graduate students who are capable of addressing important conceptual and practical issues in interdisciplinary research in the biological sciences.

The application deadline for admission in Fall 2010 is December 15, 2009. Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories. Individuals from groups underrepresented in science are particularly encouraged to apply!

For application instructions and additional information, visit: www.k-state.edu/eeg.