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To: Prospective PhD Students

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

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

The Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 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 costs of a domestic flight to and from College Station, hotel accommodations while in College Station, plus a *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 department 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 19-21, 2017. 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 (EEB) Program at Texas A&M is a relatively new 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 great climate during the academic year. Its location also provides a good 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 a whole graduate experience.

How to apply? ***To be considered for a travel grant,*** prospective PhD students first need to contact Jason Martina, the EEB Program Coordinator (email: jpmartina@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 January 1, 2017