Degree Information

The Doctoral Degree Program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) at Texas A&M University is an interdisciplinary program that offers a Ph.D in the field of Ecology and Evolution. We offer a world-class training program that incorporates the various fields relevant to EEB, spanning from evolutionary genomics to animal behavior to landscape ecology. Our faculty and students are spread over 11 departments and 7 colleges across Texas A&M University, bringing together a diverse array of perspectives in the study of EEB.

Application

Applications to the Doctoral Program in EEB should be submitted by December 15th to ensure full consideration. Applicants will be evaluated based on point average, GRE and TOEFL scores, as well as previous research experience. A letter of sponsorship from an EEB core faculty member is required.
Job Prospects
Our interdisciplinary Program prepares our students for career prospects beyond individual disciplines and positions our students to continue on research trajectories that lead to excellent opportunities in academia, state and federal government research laboratories, and industry, among others. Most importantly, our doctoral students leave committed to a lifetime of learning.

Excellent Faculty
The Doctoral Program in EEB Faculty includes over 50 core faculty members and approximately 30 associate members, from diverse backgrounds and a multitude of research interests. In our Program, students are exposed to an international community of scholars, allowing them to explore different perspectives in the field of Ecology and Evolution. Our faculty’s primary goal is to guide students on their journey to research independence, and they are committed to excellency in education and science.

Unparalleled Research Environment
Texas A&M University is a long-established research university with a 21st century research infrastructure. As the country’s best-funded land-grant university, Texas A&M possesses an ample and effective life-sciences research infrastructure. EEB doctoral students have access to core facilities for genomics, molecular biology, stable isotopes, and microscopy. They may also take advantage of the world-renowned herbarium, insect collection, and vertebrate collection, as well as the network of affiliated experimental stations around Texas and the world. Our high-performance computing resources and GIS labs enable cutting edge research at all scales.

Mentoring and Social Interactions
An important part of graduate training involves interacting and participating in the scientific community. Our faculty guides EEB doctoral students as they develop into productive members of the research community. In addition, EEB offers numerous opportunities for professional and social interactions. A seminar series permits students to learn about the latest research and meet scientists from around the globe. The Journal Club is an opportunity to discuss scientific articles in relevant disciplines with peers and faculty. Scientific events, such as the annual Ecological Integration Symposium and the Open Source Open Science Workshop provide an excellent opportunity for professional development. Finally, Texas A&M University has a vibrant campus with numerous opportunities for social interactions and the EEB Interdisciplinary Student Organization hosts social events in the fall and spring to promote integration among students.

Financial Support
The Doctoral Program in EEB offers ample funding opportunities for graduate studies, and students can benefit from a full stipend while in the Program. Support comes from a combination of teaching assistantships, research fellowships, and internal merit fellowships. Doctoral students are eligible for medical insurance and in-state tuition, which is waived for students with teaching assistantships and merit fellowships. We encourage you to contact your prospective mentor about specific options for support.

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