Postdoctoral position in Plant Population and Community Ecology

The Larios Lab at the University of California, Riverside (https://llarios12.wixsite.com/lariosecology) is recruiting a postdoctoral researcher to help with ongoing projects aimed at understanding community assembly of California grasslands to better understand invasion dynamics and restoration. The post-doc will help lead continued long-term sampling efforts, as well as the implementation of new projects. This will entail installing and running experiments, conducting vegetation surveys, managing and analyzing data, supervising undergraduates and other personnel, and communicating findings through presentation and papers. Research on a range of subjects are within the scope of the position, including biogeochemistry, trophic interactions, plant functional traits, population modeling, restoration ecology, and community dynamics. Work will be based on campus except during the growing season. Field research will take place over a variety of different field sites across California including but not limited to the Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center (Browns Valley, CA), the Carrizo Plain National Monument, and locally near Riverside, CA.

Qualifications and Experience: PhD in community ecology or related discipline required. The successful candidate should demonstrate strong written communication and data management/analysis abilities and experience with plant identification. Experience with field-based experiments, and community and functional trait-based analyses are desirable, but not required.

To apply, email Loralee Larios (loralee.larios@ucr.edu) with the subject line “Plant Ecology Postdoc”, a CV, cover letter explaining research interests, and contact information for three references. Review of applicants will begin immediately and continue until August 31, 2018, or when a suitable candidate is selected. Start date will be in the Fall of 2018 (exact date is negotiable). Initial support is for two years.

The University of California, Riverside is a highly diverse and rapidly growing campus located in the historic city of Riverside, California. UCR is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification, and we especially encourage applications from individuals who are members of groups historically underrepresented in higher education.

The campus is located within one hour of downtown Los Angeles, a city that provides world-class cultural opportunities. Riverside also provides easy access to numerous outdoor recreational areas, including forest, alpine, ocean, and desert environments.

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