The Ecology and Evolutionary Biology group in the Biology Department at Brigham Young University invites applicants for matriculation into doctoral study. The EEB group has a world-class faculty conducting research on a broad range of topics relevant to evolutionary ecology, phylogeography, population biology, and species conservation. In addition, BYU has exceptional facilities for DNA sequencing, controlled environment experiments, microscopy, and isotopic analyses and possesses an extensive research collection in the Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum.

Each student admitted for doctoral study in EEB program will have year round financial support for five full years plus one semester as long as they remain in good academic standing and progress on schedule in their doctoral research.

Benefits include a competitive stipend, full tuition waiver, and health insurance with additional funds available for professional meetings and research needs. The Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum (http://mlbean.byu.edu/home) can also provide some financial support for students working in its extensive research collections. First year graduate students have the freedom to explore all research programs within our department before making a final decision concerning an advisor and their general topic of investigation. PhD students can build their teaching resume by serving as teaching assistants and (for senior graduate students) by serving as the principle instructor for select courses. Funds are available from the department and the college to send students to professional meetings and are also available from the university to augment basic research needs.

BYU is located on the foothills of the beautiful Wasatch Mountains and is minutes away from some of the top-rated ski resorts in the world and abounds with outstanding outdoor activities (e.g., hiking, fly fishing, camping, caving, rock climbing).

For more information, including faculty research interests, facilities, and equipment, please visit the following websites: biology.byu.edu, mbl.byu.edu, and dnasc.byu.edu.

The deadline for submitting an application and supporting materials is January 31, 2009.

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