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We are recruiting a Master's student to the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities to work on ecological and human dimensions of wild rice conservation as part of a large, highly interdisciplinary research team. The student will be co-advised by Dan Larkin of the Dept. of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology (<http://larkinlab.cfans.umn.edu/>) and Mike Dockry of the U.S. Forest Service and Dept. of Forest Resources (<https://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/people/mdockry>). The position begins in summer 2018 and is fully funded for at least two years, including stipend, tuition waiver, and health insurance.

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree and/or professional experience related to natural resources, ecology, environmental science, social science, policy/planning, American Indian studies or related fields, as well as a strong work ethic, research experience, a proven ability to work both independently and with diverse teams, and interest in issues related to American Indian natural resource management, traditional ecological knowledge, and Indigenous resource sovereignty. Experience working with American Indian communities is a plus.

The student will be part of a multi-institution "Grand Challenges" research team addressing cultural, water quality, ecological, and policy issues related to wild rice: <https://www.esci.umn.edu/groups/Hydro/Wild-Rice-Grand-Challenges-Project>. S/he will conduct field work and engage with tribal stakeholders in northern Minnesota and participate in the Conservation Sciences graduate program on U of M's St. Paul campus, which emphasizes multidisciplinary approaches to conservation and natural resources management: <https://www.conssci.umn.edu/>.

To apply, please visit <https://www.conssci.umn.edu/>. For full consideration and eligibility for competitive fellowships, please apply by January 15, 2018. Contact Dan Larkin (djlarkin@umn.edu) or Mike Dockry (mdockry@umn.edu) if you have questions about the position, project, or application process.