

**MS Research assistantships at Clemson University:
Surveying for imperiled stream fishes in the US Virgin Islands**



Compensation:

- \$25,000 per year for 2.5 years
- Position includes full tuition waiver, [healthcare included](#), and 5% annual salary raises upon satisfactory performance

Start date: January 2024

Application deadline: Application reviews will begin on 18 September. The position will remain open until filled.

Responsibilities: We are seeking an enthusiastic candidate to conduct research to quantify the distribution and habitat correlates of stream fishes in St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John in the US Virgin Islands. Responsibilities will include conducting stream fish collection surveys, as well as stream habitat and barrier assessments. The candidate will work closely with a diverse group of local and regional collaborators, and will contribute to a growing body of researchers interested in stream ecology and conservation in the USVI.

Candidates must have:

- A bachelor's degree in fisheries, ecology, biology, or equivalent
- Competitive practical experience in fish/invertebrate/freshwater research
- Demonstrated excellence in written, verbal, and quantitative skills

Ideal candidates will have some combination of experience in:

- Working in streams, particularly in the Caribbean region
- Working in remote areas under adverse conditions
- Backpack electrofishing
- Habitat surveys
- Fish ecology
- Working with biologists from agencies, nongovernmental organizations, etc.
- Analysis using R software, GIS, etc.
- Scientific writing and communication

To apply, please send application packets to Brandon Peoples (peoples@clemson.edu) with the subject "MS application: USVI". Packets should include in a single PDF 1) a cover letter describing your interest in the project and career goals, and 2) your CV, including at least 3 references. The GRE is not required for admission to Clemson or to work with our team, but students may also include GRE scores if they think it will improve their packet.

For more information about our team, please visit peoplesfish.weebly.com