POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

CAESAR KLEBERG WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE DICK AND MARY LEWIS KLEBERG COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Position Title: M.S. or PhD Graduate Assistantship: Strategies to Enhance Habitat Restoration Success Following Disturbance

Position Description: The graduate student selected will conduct research on restoration techniques for areas impacted by disturbance (e.g., energy extraction, rights-of-way amendment, rangeland improvements). Project goals include designing and conducting experiments to investigate (1) benefits associated with cover crops, (2) document effects of seed longevity when planted during unfavorable conditions. The successful candidate will pursue an MS or PhD (depending on qualifications) degree in Range and Wildlife Management with the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Qualifications Required: B.S. (for M.S. position) or M.S. (for Ph.D.) in range ecology, plant ecology, or closely related field. A strong work ethic, good verbal and written communication skills, ability to work independently and as a productive member of a research team, and ability to work under adverse field conditions (hot humid south Texas environment) are essential. Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and competitive GRE scores.

Preferred: Background or interest in plant identification, vegetation sampling, basic field ecology.

Stipend/Salary: \$1,600/month (for M.S.) or \$2,000/month (for Ph.D.) plus benefits (medical package has a 60-day waiting period) Nonresident tuition waived (resident tuition fees apply). Partial resident tuition fee assistance may be provided based on availability of funds.

Start Date: January 1, 2019 or soonest availability.

Application Deadline: Begin reviewing applications upon receipt and will continue until a suitable candidate is selected.

To Apply: Send a cover letter stating interests and career goals, resume/CV, copies of transcripts (originals will be required if selected), GRE scores, and 3 letters of reference to:

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The Department of Animal and Wildlife Sciences grants B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in wildlife. The Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute is a research unit of the university with 15 scientists, 50+ graduate students, and numerous support staff. TAMUK is located in Kingsville, TX, a city of approximately 26,000 in south coastal Texas. Kingsville is surrounded by the historic King Ranch and is about 40 miles south of Corpus Christi, TX (population 175,000+).

Texas law requires that males 18 through 25 show proof of compliance with Federal Selective Service law in order to be eligible for employment. Selected candidate must pass a pre-employment background investigation to be hired for this position