

MSc Position available in Litzgus Lab at LU

Filling Knowledge Gaps to Inform Conservation of Eastern Hog-nosed Snakes in Southwestern Ontario

We are seeking a highly motivated and hardworking individual with an interest in Species-at-Risk reptile ecology to undertake a field-based thesis project in partnership with the Huron Stewardship Council (hsc.huronstewardship.ca/). The graduate position will be in the lab of Dr. Jackie Litzgus (<https://laurentian.ca/faculty/jlitzgus>).

The project will involve an investigation of the distribution, abundance and spatial ecology of hog-nosed snakes in Huron County and is ostensibly funded by a multi-year SARSF grant from the MNR to HSC. Assuming the awarded grant is honoured under the new provincial government, the MSc position will **start in January 2019**.

Qualifications and Requirements

- BSc in Biology with at least an 80% GPA
- Knowledge of herpetology and ecology
- Familiarity with radio telemetry and GIS considered an asset
- Enjoys working outdoors and is able to work for long hours in difficult weather conditions (bugs, rain, extreme hot and cold weather, etc.), in good physical condition
- Organized with excellent attention to detail (for data recording)
- Ability to work in a team setting, both in a leadership role and as a team member
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Valid driver's license

We will consider all applicants, but preference will be given to Canadian citizens.

Please email your **resume**, (**unofficial**) **transcripts**, and a **cover letter** detailing your background, interests and why you should be considered for the position to Dr. Jackie Litzgus (jlitzgus@laurentian.ca) and Rachel White (rachel@huronstewardship.ca) with "MSc hog-nosed snake" in the subject line.

Applications will be considered as they are received.

The deadline for applying is **1 October 2018**.