

**Position:** A graduate research assistantship (M.S. in Animal Sciences) is available to study student motivation and curiosity in large enrollment introductory STEM-based courses beginning in August 2019. In addition to research, the M.S. student will have opportunities for involvement in other departmental activities including assisting with undergraduate courses and presenting their work at departmental seminars and research forums.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must have earned a BS degree in animal sciences, agricultural education, or a related field and have a minimum 3.00 GPA. The ideal student will have a strong background in animal science, education, as well as strong written and oral communication skills. Students should have experience with scientific research techniques in the lab and field and a thorough understanding of scientific methodology.

**The University, College and Department:** The Department is an integral part of the College of Agriculture, one of the world's leading colleges of agricultural, food, life, and natural resource sciences, and is ranked eighth globally in the 2016 QS World University Rankings. The College is deeply committed to the three land-grant missions (learning, discovery, and engagement), international activities and perspectives that span all missions, and supporting a diverse and inclusive environment focused on excellence in all we do. Purdue is an ADVANCE institution – [www.purdue.edu/dp/advance](http://www.purdue.edu/dp/advance). The College has 11 academic departments and includes 325 faculty, 2700 undergraduate students, and 677 graduate students.

The assistantship includes an annual salary stipend, tuition and fees, and health insurance benefits. Interested candidates should submit: 1) a letter stating interests and goals, 2) a current CV, 3) unofficial copies of undergraduate transcripts and GRE scores (if available), and 4) contact information for three references. Upon review of these materials, official graduate applications to Purdue University will be required of the student selected for the program. Initial applications will be accepted until March 8, 2019 or until a suitable candidate is found. Please send application materials via email to Dr. Elizabeth Karcher ([ekarcher@purdue.edu](mailto:ekarcher@purdue.edu)) or by mail to Department of Animal Sciences, 270 S. Russell St., Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 47907.