



**Graduate Research Assistantship, Ph.D.
Park Management and Conservation
Kansas State University**

Kansas State University's **Applied Park Science Lab** is inviting applications for a **Ph.D. level Graduate Research Assistant** position starting in August 2025 within the **Park Management and Conservation program**. The successful applicant will assist Dr. Brian Peterson and colleagues with projects focusing on visitor use management and recreation ecology of parks and protected areas. Additional research and teaching opportunities are anticipated.

Research Assistantship Benefits:

- Monthly stipend
- Tuition reimbursement
- Laptop computer
- Exceptional candidates may qualify for additional scholarships

Desired Qualifications:

- Completion of a master's degree in visitor use management, recreation ecology, or a related field
- Excellent scientific writing skills
- At least one peer-reviewed article published as first author or in draft for journal submission
- Strong interest in contributing to multiple peer-reviewed manuscripts per year
- High level of curiosity and eagerness to learn new research skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with interdisciplinary teams
- Prior experience conducting quantitative analysis in R

Responsibilities:

- Collaboratively conduct research projects
- Independently lead research projects
- Assist with other projects associated with the Applied Park Science Lab

Compensation and Hours:

- 12-month, 20-hour per week position
- Competitive stipend (\$25,000/year)
- Tuition and health insurance benefits
- Laptop computer
- Fully funded for three years, with opportunities for fourth-year funding

Application Process: Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Dr. Brian Peterson (brianpeterson@ksu.edu) to schedule a virtual meeting prior to submitting their application materials.

