Research Assistant in Residential Landscape Ecology  
School of Forest Resources and Conservation, University of Florida

Description: The Residential Landscape Ecology Lab conducts research aimed at understanding ecological processes, including plant invasions, in urban and urbanizing landscapes and at developing strategies to enhance the biodiversity of urban ecosystems.

Position Overview: We are seeking an enthusiastic person interested in ecology, environmental science, horticulture, and/or biology within the context of urban landscapes for a paid research assistantship beginning as soon as possible. The candidate will contribute to different projects pertaining to the role of horticulture and landscaping in plant invasions and to the ecology of stormwater ponds and other designed/engineered ecosystems. They will also assist with tasks aimed at meeting and sustaining the overall goals of the lab group.

Responsibilities:

- Work under supervision and independently to collect, compile, and analyze data from online sources and field sites
- Contribute to different projects being conducted by lab members

Qualifications:

- Applicant must be a current or soon to start undergraduate student
- Eagerness to learn about ecology, urban ecology, biological invasions, and sustainable development practices
- Eagerness to learn research methodologies pertaining to urban ecology
- Able to work well both independently and as a team
- Ability to work outdoors for long periods in hot conditions

To apply: Send a brief cover letter detailing why you are interested in this position and why it will help with your career goals, along with a resume/CV, contact information for two references, and an unofficial transcript to khess1993@ufl.edu and biannone@ufl.edu. Please include “RLE- Research Position” in the subject line of the email. Additional details on our lab and its projects can be found here: https://www.rle-iannone.com/. Contact Dr. Basil Iannone at biannone@ufl.edu if you have any questions.