

Dear Colleagues

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management at NC State University is currently recruiting a graduate student (PhD preferred) to join a dynamic team working on a USDA AFRI NIFA-funded project to strengthen local food systems through agritourism. Specifically, we are investigating how agritourism - visiting farms for recreation and/or education - may build agricultural literacy among children, and how that knowledge may “trickle up” to parents to encourage their purchasing of local foods. This project brings together agritourism, K-12 education, and policy through research, education, and extension approaches. There is currently one PhD student on the project, and we are seeking an additional student. We are looking for someone to jump in to the project who has demonstrated research experience. For that reason, we prefer PhD students, but will consider highly qualified MS students.

The successful candidate will lead all project activities related to the evaluation of school-based agritourism. Major deliverables will include coordination of teacher professional development workshops; school field trips to agritourism operations; pre- and post-survey administration of students, teachers, and parents; data analysis; and preparation of reports, manuscripts, and associated outreach materials. The hired student will have his/her own tasks but will work closely with the current PhD student to contribute to all project deliverables. The student’s primary advisor will be [Dr. Kathryn Stevenson](mailto:kathryn_stevenson@ncsu.edu) (kathryn_stevenson@ncsu.edu), will be co-advised by [Dr. Carla Barbieri](mailto:carla_barbieri@ncsu.edu) (carla_barbieri@ncsu.edu) and work closely with [Dr. Whitney Knollenberg](mailto:whitney_knollenberg@ncsu.edu) (whitney_knollenberg@ncsu.edu).

For more information, see the [full position description](#). To apply, visit <https://grad.ncsu.edu/apply/>.

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