

## PhD Student Recruitment

### University of Georgia, Athens, GA: Integrative Conservation Ph.D. Program | Odum School of Ecology

**Support:** The student will be supported with a teaching assistantship, supplemented by RA position. Advisor will also support the student in applying for fellowships. Support includes tuition waiver and student health benefits.

**Start Date: August, 2024**

**Advisors:** The student will be advised by Dr. Sechindra Vallury, Assistant Professor of Environmental Policy, University of Georgia

**Application deadline is Dec 1, 2023.**

#### **Description:**

I am seeking a graduate student interested in pursuing a funded PhD in the [Integrative Conservation Program](#) (ICON) at the University of Georgia (UGA) to work on a project focused on climate change adaptation in agriculture. The student will have the flexibility in the specific research aspects and questions they are interested in examining within the topics of environmental and natural resource governance, institutional/policy analysis, equity, climate vulnerability and resilience, and sustainability science.

The ICON program recognizes the need for students to develop a holistic understanding of the socio-economic contexts surrounding ecological problems and offers a flexible curriculum that trains students in developing these skills. The student will have access to a diverse network of researchers across disciplines at UGA. They will also have opportunities to design research, write and present study results, and work with practitioners. Successful students will have an idea of the research questions they want to pursue. While students with quantitative methodological skills are preferred, I highly encourage those who may not possess these skills but have a deep enthusiasm for a research question to apply.

#### **Minimum qualifications:**

- Applicants must meet the UGA's Graduate School [minimum requirements](#) for admission.
- Master's degree in environmental studies, geography, economics, public policy, or a related discipline with coursework in social sciences and natural resources or environment
- Skills and experience in quantitative data collection/analysis
- Experience writing research reports, papers, or other media

**To apply:** Please send a CV with the names of 3 references and a 1-page cover letter describing your interest in this project to references to Dr. Sechindra Vallury

([sechindra.vallury@uga.edu](mailto:sechindra.vallury@uga.edu)). The letter may include a brief description of your relevant past experiences as well as some discussion of what interests you about this research. The application deadline is December 1, 2023, but applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Vallury earlier expressing their interest in the position.

Applicants from historically excluded groups (e.g., Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, LGBTQ+, women, first-generation college students, and those from underserved communities) are strongly encouraged to apply.