

## Call for Applicants AY 18-19

### River Conservation in China

The School of Earth Science and Environmental Sustainability (SESES) at Northern Arizona University (NAU) seeks a graduate research assistantship (GRA) at either the Masters or PhD level interested in investigating the intersection of natural resource management, conservation policy, and water in China. The GRA position will begin in fall 2018 and provides a stipend, tuition waiver, and health insurance for two academic years at the Masters level or four years at the PhD level. The GRA will work under the direct supervision of Dr. Denielle Perry. The fall application deadline for SESES is January 15<sup>th</sup>, though earlier submissions are encouraged. Interested applicants should send a brief letter of interest and a copy of their CV (including GPA, and GRE scores as well as TOEFL if applicable) via email to [Denielle.Perry@nau.edu](mailto:Denielle.Perry@nau.edu) prior to formally applying to the NAU Graduate School.

This student will be involved in a project that examines the adoption of the United States Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSRA) policy framework in China. The study is aimed at understanding:

- a) Knowledge exchange between the two countries and water resources management entities
- b) The socio-ecological drivers, benefits, and challenges associated with WSRA adoption in China
- c) State restructuring regarding the environment
- d) The role of non-human actors in the political process
- e) Water resources legibility and the state

Students will conduct field work in river basins found in China's Yunnan Province, with the possibility of visiting other field sites. This project is in collaboration with Dr. Li Peng of Yunnan University in Kunming.

Preferred qualifications:

- Ability to work with people of diverse backgrounds
- Proficiency in or ability to acquire Chinese language skills

Required qualifications

- Possession of or ability to obtain passport and visas for international travel and research
- Proof of proficiency in English language (TOEFL or IELTS scores) for international applicants

Northern Arizona University's School of Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability draws upon faculty and professionals in the natural and social sciences to combine outreach and educational programs addressing the diverse needs of stakeholders with undergraduate degrees in environmental sciences, environmental studies, and geology.

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