

PhD position studying African bat viruses

The lab of Dr Kristian Forbes at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville is recruiting a graduate student to study viruses in east African bats. The successful applicant will join an international team to address diverse aspects of host-virus relationships and their environmental context.

Field research will be conducted in Kenya and Rwanda. Rwanda is an expansion for our group and provides an exciting opportunity for the student to help define the initial questions and approaches. The project will include international travel (some trips will likely last for multiple months) and project management; respect for and an interest in learning about different countries and cultures is important.

Applicants should have wide interests in biological sciences, including wildlife biology, zoonotic infections, and disease ecology. Previous experience working with bats and conducting laboratory diagnostic assays (e.g., PCR) will be highly regarded. The successful applicant will be supported by a graduate teaching assistantship and opportunities may also be available for fellowships, such as [DDF and DAF programs](#) at the University of Arkansas. The successful applicant will ideally begin in January 2022 to enable fieldwork during summer 2022. Please note that the GRE is also required.

More information on the lab can be found [here](#). Fayetteville is located in a beautiful natural area amongst the Ozark Mountains, with a wide range of recreational and cultural activities in close proximity such as museums, theatres, hiking, cycling, kayaking and fishing ([more info here](#)); it regularly ranks amongst top US cities to live.

For more information on the position, please contact Dr Forbes at kmforbes@uark.edu. To apply, please send to the above email address: 1) a cover letter of maximum one page outlining your research interests and career goals, 2) your CV and academic transcripts, and 3) contact information for two referees. Submit applications by July 2, 2021, to be assured full consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

