



**PhD Assistantship in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management**  
**Park Disparities affecting Racially Marginalized Communities**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Please share with prospective students. The [Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management](#) at [Clemson University](#) is pleased to announce a new PhD assistantship starting August of 2018. The assistantship will involve working closely with [Dr. Mariela Fernandez](#), various members of the [PRTM faculty](#), and an interdisciplinary team of researchers from Public Health and Urban Planning.

In this position, the candidate will conduct research on environmental injustices related to park disparities in racially marginalized communities. As part of the research team you will investigate a diverse array of topics including, but not limited to: (1) the historical policies impacting current park disparities, (2), the association of park disparities with racially marginalized members' health outcomes, and (3) the strategies racially marginalized communities are using to address park disparities.

As part of this ongoing project, the candidate will gain experience conducting systematic reviews, writing grants, and integrating GIS, qualitative and quantitative data collection tools to explore the complex phenomena, challenges, and opportunities influencing park disparities in racially marginalized communities. It is expected that the candidate will conduct his/her dissertation research within the scope of this larger research project under the supervision of Dr. Fernandez.

Beyond the research project, the candidate will also gain valuable teaching experiences. These experiences may be in traditional classes or in our renowned EDGE program (<https://www.clemson.edu/cbshs/departments/prtm/programs/prtm-edge/index.html>).

Interested candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. We have limited number of assistantships available which include a competitive stipend, tuition fee waiver, and health insurance benefits. **The application deadline is February 1, 2018.**

For more information about the position, contact Dr. Mariela Fernandez at [marielf@clemson.edu](mailto:marielf@clemson.edu) or 864-656-2389. Additional information about the admission

requirement and application process can be found at  
<https://www.clemson.edu/cbshs/departments/prtm/academics/graduate/index.html>

Thank you,

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