

**Ph.D. Graduate Research Assistantship  
Invasive plant ecology**

A graduate research assistantship is available for a Ph.D. student interested in the ecology and physiology of the invasive plant *Bromus tectorum* (cheatgrass) in the Great Basin region of the western US. The research will investigate the extent that vegetative and climatic characteristics influence the ability of cheatgrass to dominate a site using both natural climatic gradients and controlled environment experiments. The assistantship is currently available, and students who are interested in starting their Ph.D. program during summer or fall 2006 should apply by June 15, 2006 for full consideration; however, applications will be considered until the assistantship is filled. To apply, email a letter that indicates your academic and research interests and experiences, your curriculum vitae, copies of transcripts (unofficial copies are fine), and contact information for three references to: Dr. Robert S. Nowak ([nowak@cabnr.unr.edu](mailto:nowak@cabnr.unr.edu)). For more information, see below for Nowak's web site and contact information. Note that the successful student will also need to be accepted into one of the Ph.D. Graduate Programs at the University of Nevada Reno (Ecology Evolution and Conservation Biology <http://www.eecb.unr.edu/>, or Environmental Science and Health <http://www.unr.edu/idgrad/esh/index.asp>).

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