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GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

The Grieves Lab at the University of Saskatchewan is seeking 2 highly motivated graduate students (1 MSc, 1 PhD) for Fall 2026. I am looking for students with a background in animal behaviour, animal communication, ecology, and evolution. Experience working with birds, molecular genetics techniques (e.g., DNA extraction, PCR), and field work are assets but not required.

The lab is led by Dr. Leanne Grieves and focuses on avian behavioural, chemical, and microbial ecology. My primary research focus is to understand the role of avian body odours in reproductive and social contexts and how symbiotic microbes affect bird odour, communication, behaviour, and fitness.

I work with a variety of bird species using a mix of field work, captive bird research, and laboratory work. Students are expected to take ownership of and contribute intellectually to the development of their thesis research, with the guidance and support of Dr. Grieves.

Graduate students will be funded by some combination of Dr. Grieves' research grant support and external or internal teaching or academic scholarships, awards, and fellowships. Continued funding may have conditions such as grant deadlines and deliverables, teaching service requirements, maintaining good academic standing, or demonstrating satisfactory progress. Departmental scholarships are valued at \$24,000 CAD/year for a maximum of 24 months (MSc) or 48 months (PhD).

The Grieves lab values curiosity, discovery, and diversity. We will work together to create a productive, inclusive, and anti-racist research, learning, and work environment where we and our colleagues feel respected, supported, and empowered to do excellent science together.

How to Apply:

Please send a CV, unofficial transcript(s), and cover letter detailing your interest and suitability for the position to Dr. Leanne Grieves at leanne.grieves@usask.ca. If you have any questions before submitting your application, please reach out by email.

Additional Information:

Biology Graduate Student Handbook: [here](#)

Graduate application procedures: [here](#)

Graduate tuition rates: [here](#)

Graduate student funding: [here](#)

