

Thank you for your interest in my Watershed Science and Hydroecology research group and MSU.

At this time, I am looking for at least one graduate (MS/PhD) student to start next Fall Semester.

In order to be considered for a graduate position, I would like to get acquainted with you before the formal graduate school application deadlines. Hence, you should provide me with the following pre-formal application materials as soon as possible (note that many of these materials will overlap with the formal application):

1. Your current curriculum vitae (CV), GRE scores with percentile, and official/unofficial transcripts with GPA
2. A cover letter that includes statements of research interests and reasons/motivations for pursuing an MS/PhD and type of career (i.e., a brief summary; especially your specific research interests and how you envision creating synergy within the research programs in my lab and larger MSU community - hydroecology, groundwater-surface water interactions, watershed hydrology, and/or aquatic biogeochemistry).
3. List of 3 References with their contact information
4. Example(s) of your scientific writing (e.g., peer-reviewed publications, proposals, in prep/review manuscripts)

You will also need to prepare to formally apply to one of the Earth and Environmental Sciences graduate programs before December 1. Information for those procedures can be found here:

1. Department grad programs: <https://ees.natsci.msu.edu/academics/graduate/>
2. Materials to submit: <https://ees.natsci.msu.edu/academics/graduate/application/>
3. Scholarships you should consider:  
<https://ees.natsci.msu.edu/academics/graduate/scholarships/>

Thank you and let me know if you have any follow-up questions. I will likely review pre application materials in November and will be in touch at that time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Zarnetske