

Ph.D. Assistantship Opportunity

DECISION MAKING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

The Skunkworks Lab for Risk and Decision Research seeks a motivated student at the PhD. level to help develop and lead a research program aimed at developing a comprehensive sustainability plan for Michigan State University. The planning process will involve small-group and experimental work aimed at identifying potential campus sustainability opportunities, eliciting management objectives, modeling the expected outcomes alternative sustainability plans, and carrying out deliberative tradeoff analysis using decision analytic (vs. econometric) approaches. The successful candidate will work as part of an interdisciplinary team of faculty, staff, and student researchers working on various problems related to sustainability and sustainability planning.

The successful candidate will have a M.S./M.A./M.Sc. as well as academic training in psychology, planning, operations research, behavioral economics, or a closely related field. Especially competitive students will also possess practical, consulting, or agency experience.

This is a four-year (48 month) position with annual reviews of performance. The project begins at the start of MSU's Autumn 2008 semester and is being funded by MSU's Office of the Vice President for Operations. Benefits include coverage of tuition and fees, and access to student health coverage. A monthly stipend, commensurate with the successful candidate's qualifications, will also be provided. The successful candidate will also have opportunities to network with colleagues at national and/or international, conferences, and gain valuable teaching experience.

Interested students should submit a cover letter stating relevant work, research, and career interests along with a current resume, copies of all transcripts, and the names, addresses, and additional contact information (phone and email) of 3 references, 2 of which are faculty at an academic institution. Note that these application materials are for initial review by the lab and are separate from the application materials that are required by The Graduate School at Michigan State University. Send your materials to:

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The Skunkworks Lab for Risk and Decision Research is located in Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation, and Resource Studies at Michigan State University and is also affiliated with MSU's Environmental Science and Policy Program. Information about the lab can be found online at <http://www.msu.edu/~sknkwrks>.