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# Paleoecology of North American Grasslands

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## Project Information

Research or Project Name	Paleoecology of North American Grasslands
Project Description	<p>Today, grasslands cover approximately 40% of Earth's land surface, but this wasn't always the case. Before ~25 million years ago there weren't any grasslands in North America. The spread of these ecosystems was one of the most important ecological transitions of the last 66 million years.</p> <p>In the Strömberg (Paleoecology) Lab, we study the evolution and ecology of these early grasslands. We are looking for students to help collect data to answer a number of outstanding research questions (e.g., did grasslands expand at the expense of forests or open shrublands?). Interested students should be available for approximately six hours a week, and will gain wet lab, microscope, and image/data analysis experience.</p>
Minimum Requirements	Interest in Paleontology, Botany, or a related field.

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