

December 4, 2024

Ms. Rylee Tomey
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Dear Ms. Tomey:

Congratulations! The College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment (CFWE) Graduate Policies and Procedures Committee has reviewed your application for the **Doctoral** degree. I am pleased to inform you that the committee has recommended to the Auburn University Graduate School that you be admitted effective **Spring 2025**.

You have been recommended to receive a **1/3 (0.33)** time assistantship with a stipend of **\$29,870** for a period not to exceed **36 months**, also effective **Spring 2025**.

If accepted by the Auburn University Graduate School, the degree program as well as the assistantship responsibilities will be under the direction of **Drs. Jonathon Valente and Aniruddha Belsare**, with specific duties and expectations as assigned by them. During your PhD, your research will investigate traditional sources of deer harvest data (e.g., hunter surveys and game check data) with more haphazard sources of population information such as citizen science projects, insurance company reports of deer-vehicle collisions, and social media postings.

This assistantship offer is contingent upon the Auburn University Graduate School's acceptance of your application. Continuation of the assistantship depends upon maintenance of satisfactory progress toward the degree and satisfactory completion of your work assignment. Assistantships are temporary and their continuation depends on the availability of funds, levels of enrollment, and research needs in the department.

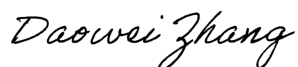
You will also have a graduate fellowship that will pay for university graduate tuition (up to 15 hours per term), for up to 66 semester credit hours. The credit hour limit includes all classes for which you might register, including undergraduate, and thesis research courses. You must also be employed as a graduate research assistant to be eligible. Acceptance of the assistantship will require fees of approximately **\$760** per semester; International students will be charged an additional **\$130** International Student fee for each term. Fees are subject to change at the **University's discretion and without advance notice**. You must register for a minimum of one credit hour each term (including summer) to activate the assistantship.

The Graduate School requires you to maintain a 3.0 GPA to be eligible for the tuition waiver. Should you fall below the minimum GPA, you will be responsible for your tuition until your GPA returns to the accepted 3.0. For more information, please visit the Auburn University Graduate School website at <http://www.grad.auburn.edu/> Additionally, depending on your assistantship funding, you **may be required** to assist as a Teaching Assistant with one course each year during your tenure.

As an additional benefit linked to your assistantship, you will be automatically enrolled in the Graduate Student Health Insurance plan. The total annual premium varies each year and will be billed to **your bursar bill**. Learn more about the plan at <http://www.auburn.edu/academic/international/iss/insurance/> If you already have health insurance you may opt out of the Auburn University plan by contacting insurance@auburn.edu and completing the "Waiver Request". Please be prepared to show proof of current insurance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your major professor.

Sincerely,



Daowei Zhang, PhD
Associate Dean for Research

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c: Drs. J. Valente, A. Belsare, Mrs. Paula Davis