

The Pinou Lab (<https://sites.wcsu.edu/pinou/>) at Western Connecticut State University (WCSU) in Danbury Connecticut is seeking a MS student to work on co-evolutionary relationships of sea turtle epibionts and hosts. The NSF funded graduate student should be prepared to spend more than half their time at the Yale – Peabody Museum of Natural History where they will concentrate on sorting, identifying and photo-documenting marine turtle epibionts, primarily barnacle crustaceans. The successful candidate should have demonstrated coursework or field experience in general invertebrate zoology, and is interested in museum curation. The student will be expected to pursue a thesis focusing on barnacles and their role as epibionts. The interested candidate should be able to commute between Danbury and New Haven at least once a week, and funds to cover this commute will be provided in addition to a research stipend. Interested applicants are encouraged to email Dr. Pinou by December 15<sup>th</sup> outlining research experience and names of 3 references along with your CV. All interested candidates are encouraged to apply to the WCSU MS IBD program by December 15<sup>th</sup>: <https://www.wcsu.edu/biology-msbiodiversity/>.