

## **Applicants for a Graduate Assistantship with Dr. Karen Vaughan**

Below are some questions to answer in a personal statement for your file. I will evaluate your application packet and try to match your interests and goals with appropriate projects based on your answers to these questions. Be as clear, specific, and concise as possible in your response. Be sure to take enough time to answer each question completely.

What is your motivation for seeking a graduate degree?

Research Experience: Explain any contact you have had with the process of research and any part you have taken in research.

Research Interests: Explain your interests in research. Give clear examples of the kinds of research you would like to become involved with and why.

Academic and professional goals. Fully describe your goals for your graduate training and your profession. Where do you want to be and what kind of research and work do you want to be doing in say, 5-10 years?

What are the factors that led you to consider the University of Wyoming Dept. of Ecosystem Sciences & Management and Dr. Vaughan's lab for your graduate program? Why here?