

PhD Student Assistantships – The role of turbulence in larval fish recruitment (swimming and feeding)

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Understanding the recruitment of commercially and economically important fish species is critical to their management and sustainability in the Laurentian Great Lakes. Funding is available immediately to support a Ph.D. student to examine the effects of turbulence on larval fish swimming performance to inform modeling efforts related to fish recruitment. A second PhD position is anticipated (pending funding) to examine the effects of turbulence on larval fish feeding and growth to inform modeling efforts related to fish recruitment. Candidates should have an interest in applying mechanical/mathematical approaches to aquatic ecology/limnology, as well as participating in a large interdisciplinary multi-institutional project involving Guelph, Queen's, RMC and OMNRF).

The Physical Ecology Lab is well equipped for process- and system-scale studies involving state-of-the-art laboratory, field, and numerical modelling. Some of the resources include flow chambers (various sizes, configurations), PIV (Particle Imaging Velocimetry), Imaging Flow Cytometry (Flowcam), Acoustic Doppler Velocimeters (Vector, Vectrino+), and Workstations (Xenon).

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