**APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE STUDIES IN THE ORTIZ LAB**

Instructions: To apply as a graduate student in the Ortiz Lab, complete the information below. Answer all questions in this document and save the file with your name appended to the file name (e.g., GradApplication\_OrtizJanel), and email the completed application to me. In completing this application, provide as much information as possible. You may expand the spaces for answers as necessary. All information that you provide here will be kept confidential. This will be a good exercise for getting a head-start on applications for other graduate programs, professional schools, and jobs! Submission of this application does not guarantee a spot in the lab.

1. Name and email address:
2. Major and Degree:
3. Year in school or date of graduation (or expected):
4. What is your cumulative GPA?
5. Ideal First Semester at CPP:
6. List courses that you have taken as an undergraduate that are related to any aspect of biology. Also, list courses that you have taken in math, chemistry, and physics. Be sure to provide the names of the courses (e.g., Introduction to Physics) and the course numbers. For each course, give the quarter/semester and year during which you took it, as well as the grade you received.
7. What science courses do you plan to take in the future at CPP as a graduate student?
8. What originally got you interested in wildlife and/or conservation education?
9. What is your ultimate career goal and how will having a Master’s degree help you get there? *(Be as specific as possible.)*
10. What skills do you have? (*This is meant to be a very broad question. Skills that you list here do not need to be in any way related to wildlife biology or even research. For example, if you are an artist, then say so and explain what kind of art you do. Your skills can be non-academic.*)
11. What skills do you have that you think may be useful specifically in doing research? (*These may or may not overlap with the above question.*)
12. How strong are your computing skills? Feel free to provide details on your proficiency with specific aspects of computing (e.g., programs that you know how to use, software, hardware, coding/programming, website development, etc.).
13. How would you rate your writing skills? Talk about the development of a key piece of writing that you have done in the past. What was your process?
14. Are you comfortable speaking in front of a group of people? Tell me about the type of audience, size, and topics covered in one of your previous presentations.
15. What kinds of animals most interest you and why? (*You can list several.*)
16. What specific skills do you hope to develop while doing research in the Ortiz Lab?
17. What do you expect to gain from research experience? How do you envision research experience helping you to realize your career goals?
18. Are you primarily interested in doing laboratory-based research, field-based research, or a combination of both? Why?
19. Why do you want to do research *specifically* in the Ortiz Lab?
20. What are some research ideas you have in mind for your project in the lab?
21. Our lab’s work integrates education and outreach, can you see yourself contributing to that effort and how?
22. Please tell me of a time where you experienced a conflict with a *supervisor or authority*. What happened and how did you deal with that situation? What was the outcome?
23. Please tell me of a time where you experienced a conflict with a *coworker or colleague.* What happened and how did you deal with that situation? What was the outcome?
24. Imagine your life as a graduate student, what do you expect your work/life balance or integration to look like?
25. What is something you think will be challenging during graduate school? How will you handle it?
26. Provide any other information that you would like to share that might help me understand how I would be able to help you achieve your goals as an advisor.