# Taryn Eaton Master of Science in Psychology

## Why did you apply for graduate school?

I applied to graduate school because I was unhappy with my career and wanted to make a change. I knew the only way I would be able to get a career in the field I wanted (animal welfare/conservation) was to go back to school and get a higher degree.

## Why did you decide to go to OU?

Oakland University is one of the few universities that offers a comparative psychology program. After visiting the campus and speaking with the professors in the psychology department, it was clear to me that Oakland University would be the perfect environment for me to learn and grow. The professors I spoke to on interview day were enthusiastic and seemed passionate about their research. The graduate students I spoke to had nothing but praise for the program.

### What is your favorite part of being an OU graduate student?

My favorite part of being an OU graduate student is the support and encouragement I receive from not only my advisor, but other professors and students as well. There is a great sense of community.

### Do you have any advice for those applying to your program?

If you can, get some experience doing research as an undergraduate. I would also suggest reaching out to professors you are interested in having as an advisor and building a rapport with them.