

Field Technician position based in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, with travel throughout the EUP

Summary: We are seeking a motivated individual to assist with forested wetland assessments across the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan during the 2020 summer field season. Georeference locations and collect a variety of ecological data according to standardized protocols. Digitize field data, assist with analysis, and assist with communication and planning among tribal, federal, and state forest managers and Anishinaabe communities.

Duration: 8-10 weeks; mid-June to mid-August; start and end dates are flexible.

Work Environment: Requires strenuous physical activity: periods of standing, walking off-trail several miles per day in uneven terrain, and carrying field gear up to 35 pounds. Data entry in office.

Work Schedule: 40 hours per week with a flexible schedule, including 10 hour days Monday-Thursday to be determined by weather, distance to field sites, researcher and technician.

Primary Duties:

- Navigate to and from field sites
- Plant identification
- Collect vegetation, soil, light, and cultural use data according to protocols
- Digitize collected data

Qualifications: Training will be provided to the successful applicant, but we would prefer:

- Experience using GPS and GIS, interpret standard procedures, and consult field guides
- Experience identifying native plants and collecting forest inventory or ecological data
- Experience with topographic maps, compass, and aerial photos for navigation
- Must be willing to work long-days in a variety of weather conditions
- Must possess a valid driver's license

Compensation: Pay starts at \$16/hour and is negotiable depending on prior skills and experience.

How to Apply: Please send a cover letter (including dates of availability), resume, and contact information for two references to Robin Clark (robinc@mtu.edu) by Friday 20th March, 2020. The position will be open until filled.