



M.S. Graduate Position Burbot larval ecology

Seeking a M.S. graduate student to conduct research on larval burbot (*Lota lota*) at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI in the M.S. Biology program. There is flexibility in the specific project, but likely using lab-reared larvae to evaluate behavioral, morphological, and ecological variability relevant to life history variation in native Lake Superior region burbot populations. Position requires student to rear larvae from wild collected gametes. Position will be supported by an academic year graduate teaching assistantship (two academic years), which includes a stipend and tuition waiver, as well as one summer of stipend.

Required: B.S. in fisheries, natural resources, ecology, biology or related field with overall GPA of at least 3.0. Strong interest in larval fish rearing and biology. Ability and interest in conducting cold-weather winter field work. *Preferred:* Experience with aquaculture, interest in native coldwater fishes, excellent attention to detail, highly motivated with strong work ethic, excellent writing, experience with statistics/R. Interest in grant writing.

Start date: August 2021.

Pay: \$9,300 (gross) + tuition waiver for 8 mo academic years, plus \$5,000 for intervening summer. NMU also supports graduate students with summer grant opportunities.

If interested, send cover letter, CV, unofficial transcript, and contact info for references to Dr. Jill Leonard at jileonar@nmu.edu. Application review will begin immediately; applications accepted through February 1, 2021.