

Field Technicians Required for Kluane Red Squirrel Project

I am looking for 1-2 field technicians to assist with field research in North American red squirrels in the Yukon, Canada. These positions will start ~1 March 2015 and would last for 2-5 months but at least until May 15 2015.

Duties of these positions include live-trapping and handling red squirrels, radio telemetry, behavioral observations, collecting fecal samples, and other vegetation sampling procedures. These data will be collected as a part of the long running Kluane Red Squirrel Project (www.redsquirrel.ca). Applicants should be physically fit, capable of working in very cold weather, physically able and willing to climb trees, hike/snowshoe up to 15 km/day, work alone in isolated areas, and work and live in an isolated area with rustic living conditions.

Successful applicants will be provided with all training. Past experience is not necessary but technicians will work largely independently and are expected to be hard working and dependable. These are paid positions (payment depending upon experience) and most food and lodging will be provided at our remote field camp. Applicants must supply their own field equipment (binoculars, sleeping bag, boots, appropriate field clothing, etc.). Applicants will be hired and employed by the University of Michigan.

Required Qualifications

- 1) Eligible to work in USA and travel to Canada (passport required)
- 2) Valid driver's license
- 3) Capable of hiking/snowshoeing 15 km/day, climbing trees, working in the winter during extreme cold
- 4) Capable of handling peanut butter (no nut allergy)
- 5) Capable of working and living with others in close quarters
- 6) Capable of working independently in a remote location

Desired Qualifications

- 1) Degree or relevant experience in ecology, zoology, behavior, physiology, etc.
- 2) Previous field experience handling small mammals or other animals
- 3) Experience with radio telemetry

To apply for these positions, please send a Cover Letter, CV, and the contact information for 2-3 references to Ben Dantzer at dantzer@umich.edu. Application deadline is 30 January 2015.

For more information about my research please visit my webpage at <http://www-personal.umich.edu/~dantzer/> Kluane Red Squirrel Project webpage at www.redsquirrel.ca

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