

Position – Undergraduate Research Assistant: Forest Restoration and Fire Management

An undergraduate research assistant position is available in the lab of **Dr. Chhin in the Department of Forestry at Michigan State University (MSU)**.

The undergraduate assistant will primarily conduct fieldwork for a project funded by the USDA Forest Service. The objective of this project is to collect current and historical data on forest health, structure, and fire regime, to inform future forest restoration and management. The undergraduate research assistant will assist with field sampling in Lassen National Forest in northern California. The research assistant may also provide assistance on other applied ecology projects in the Chhin lab on MSU campus. Training and field equipment will be provided, as well as transportation, lodging, and a small food allowance while in California.

This position will be for about a 4-month period during the summer from **May 2015 to August 2015**. Work will be on average **40 hrs/week**. The salary offered will depend on prior experience.

Qualifications: All **junior or senior students** currently enrolled in an academic program related to forestry, biology, ecology, environmental sciences, or a similarly related natural resource field are welcomed to apply. Students currently enrolled at a college/university in California or in Michigan will be given preference. Applicants should be highly self-motivated and possess a strong work ethic. A background or strong interest in conducting field-based research is desirable. A cumulative GPA greater than 3.0 in undergraduate coursework is preferable. Intensive field sampling will be conducted during the Summer 2015 semester. Candidates must be willing and able to travel long distances, camp outdoors on occasion, do physically demanding work, and work in hot or otherwise uncomfortable conditions. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license.

Please submit a cover letter and resume, and contact information of two references. Applications will be considered immediately and continue until the position is filled. To ensure full consideration please submit material by **April 3, 2015**. Please e-mail all application material to **Christal Johnson (john2895@msu.edu)**.