

Position – Plant Ecology Fieldwork Position – Syracuse University, Department of Biology, Fridley Lab (Syracuse, NY)

Duration: May through October 2015

Position Description: This is a fieldwork assistant position through Syracuse University designed to give the participant experience with ecological fieldwork, plant identification, and the opportunity to help with a two-year study testing the role of plant dispersal on ecosystem function.

You will help establish plots, sample plants, functional traits, soils, and seed dispersal in three old-field plant communities across New York State (based out of Syracuse, NY). The majority of fieldwork will include plot establishment and estimating the cover of plant species in plots. Plant identification will be an important component of this fieldwork.

Required Skills

- Fit, healthy, and able to carry and lug at least 50 lbs at a time
- Good, friendly personality, and be able to cheerfully endure harsh field conditions (heat, rain, thorns, long days, mosquitos, ticks, etc.)
- Able to follow directions carefully and willing to take on certain responsibilities
- Be ready to start work no later than May 15th, but preference will be given to applicants that can start as early as May 1st
- Finally, you should be interested in natural history and ecology and be excited about learning. A strong independent passion for the subject may also allow you to pursue an independent research project as part of this fieldwork experience. I enjoy working with students that share my passion and want to make this as much of a learning experience as possible.

Work Schedule and Wage: May through October 2015. Fieldwork will mostly be conducted every other week of this season with a total of 30-40 hours of fieldwork per workweek @ \$9-10 per hour based on qualifications.

Email At: (Inegoita@syr.edu <<http://mc/compose?to=Inegoita@syr.edu>>) your CV, a cover letter, and contacts for two references by **May 1st** (sooner the better).