

# Field Work Opportunity for College Students



## FIELD WORK OPPORTUNITY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR MAY/JUNE 2023

We are seeking volunteers to assist with data collection for the 2023 summer field season. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable field experience while working in the remote and beautiful Isle Royale National Park.



Duration: Approximately 4-5 weeks between early-May and mid-June.

Work Environment: Work is conducted on-trail and off-trail throughout Isle Royale. This is a physically demanding position; the climate, insects (mosquitoes and black flies), and terrain are often difficult. Volunteers may be required to carry up to 60 lbs. for varying distances (up to 10 miles per day) over trail and cross-country conditions. The primary mode of living is backpacking. Most travel is by foot.

Work Schedule: Typically spend 6-8 days in the field followed by 1-2 days at base camp. Work schedule varies depending upon conditions, project needs and logistics.

Compensation: Food stipend of \$20.00/day to help defray the cost of field food you must bring with you. (There are no housing or transportation expenses once you arrive to Isle Royale.)

Primary Duties:

- ◆measure new growth on balsam fir trees
- ◆collect moose pellets for diet analysis
- ◆collect bones from wolf-killed moose carcasses
- ◆other duties as assigned

You are extremely unlikely to see a wolf during this job, but are likely to see moose.

Qualifications:

- ◆Documented experience backpacking and camping for extended periods of time in remote settings.
- ◆Proficiency with orienteering (use of map, compass & GPS for navigating) required.
- ◆Tree identification skills are helpful.
- ◆Good physical condition.
- ◆Possess the ability to get along with others in backcountry settings for 10-day periods of time.
- ◆Enrollment in college/university in a Life Sciences curriculum (US or international schools).

Application Period: Applications must be received by March 1. Potential candidates will be asked for a phone interview by March 20. If you have not heard from us by March 31, we have selected another assistant.



How to Apply:

All applicants must complete two forms online: [APPLICATION FORM](#) and [BACKPACKING EXPERIENCE FORM](#). As part of the online application form, you will need to upload a PDF copy of your CV/resume (max. 2 pages) and provide contact details for at least two people that are willing to provide a reference for you. Your references could be a current or previous employer, a college professor, academic advisor, or a supervisor from a voluntary organization or project. If possible, please try to include a reference that has some knowledge of your previous backpacking or hiking experience. Don't forget to click "SUBMIT APPLICATION" once you have completed each form!

**Any questions about the internship** should also be addressed to Dr Sarah Hoy <[srhoy@mtu.edu](mailto:srhoy@mtu.edu)>.