Position Available for Summer 2013:

Ecology Field Research Intern

IDENT "International Diversity Experiment Network with Trees" is unique network of tree diversity experiments established to examine the effects of biodiversity on ecosystem functioning.

We seek an undergraduate or newly graduated student with a background or interest in biology, ecology, forestry, or a related field for a paid field research internship ($10/h) from June through August. The intern will assist in collecting plant trait and ecophysiological data at the IDENT experiment in Cloquet, MN. Typical workdays are eight hours Monday through Friday; however, some tasks require early morning, evening, or weekend work.

Responsibilities will include:
- Assisting in measuring and recording plant functional traits, plant ecophysiology, and abiotic conditions in the field
- Laboratory work to process samples (e.g. scanning, drying, weighing)
- Entering data

Desired qualifications: 1) Eager to work hard in an outdoor setting. 2) Capacity to collect data following established protocols. 3) Capacity to perform repetitive tasks with a strong attention to detail. 4) Willing to work well and live with others in a remote area. 5) Demonstrated ability to work under changing weather conditions and with large swarms of insects. 6) Ability to adapt to a frequently changing schedule.

Research site:
Field work will be based at the Cloquet Forestry Center in Cloquet, MN (http://cfc.cfans.umn.edu/). The Center has a vibrant research community with ongoing experiments investigating global change, biodiversity and forest management. The site is in a beautiful forested setting and provides access to the natural areas of northern Minnesota. On-site housing with cooking facilities is available for a small fee.

Contact:
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