Undergraduate Research Assistant (Forestry)

An undergraduate research assistant position is available from June 6 to August 26, 2011 with graduate student Matthew Magruder in the Department of Forestry at Michigan State University (MSU). This position is related to silviculture and forest ecology related research in Dr. Sophan Chhin's lab. Specifically the examination of the interaction between silvicultural management practices (e.g., thinning) and climate change and the effect on growth rates of red pine trees in Michigan.

All freshmen, sophomore, junior, or senior students currently enrolled in an academic program at Michigan State University related to forestry, biology, ecology, environmental sciences, horticulture, or a similarly related natural resource field are welcomed to apply.

Salary will depend on experience but will be at least $8/hour. The position will be in the 2011 Summer Semester (12 week period from June 6 - August 26, 2011) and will involve work in the field collecting tree core samples and taking measurements as well as work in the lab to prep the samples for analysis. Average number of hours of work per week is 35. Please submit application package that includes a cover letter, resume, transcripts, (unofficial are fine for initial review) and contact information of two references (email applications are preferred):

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Applications will be considered immediately and continue until the position is filled. To ensure full consideration please submit material by May 30, 2011.