Research Assistant: Early Detection of Forest Health Threats

A full-time research assistant position is available in the lab of Dr. Steve Chhin in the Department of Forestry at Michigan State University (MSU).

The research assistant will primarily conduct field and laboratory work for a project recently funded by the USDA Forest Service (Forest Health Protection program). The general objective of the project is to promote field-based application of non-destructive technologies that will allow rapid, early detection of emerald ash borer (EAB) in the Great Lakes region. The research technician will also provide assistance on other projects in the Chhin lab and provide supervision of undergraduate assistants.

This position will be initially for a 1 year period (starting in November 2012) with the possibility of extension based on satisfactory performance. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Qualifications: Applicants should preferably have completed a BS in forestry, biology, ecology, environmental sciences, or a similarly related natural resource field. Preference will be given to applicants that are highly self-motivated, possess a strong work ethic, and have strong communication skills. A background or strong interest in conducting field based research and working in a laboratory environment is desirable. A cumulative GPA greater than 3.0 in undergraduate coursework is desirable.

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information of at least two references. Please describe your career goals in the cover letter. Applications will be considered immediately and continue until the position is filled. To ensure full consideration please submit material by September 18, 2012. Please e-mail all application material to Dr. Steve Chhin (chhin@msu.edu).

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