

Student Position in Forest Soil Biogeochemistry - Lab Assistant I

Description: One undergraduate student position is available to assist with studies of forest soils and ecosystem biogeochemistry in the Pacific Northwest. The position consists of laboratory work which occurs in the USGS-FRESC analytical biogeochemistry facility (Perakis Lab) in the Forest Sciences Laboratory on the OSU campus (Corvallis), and consists of sample sorting, drying, grinding and weighing, and routine laboratory tasks such as glassware washing, and data entry.

Qualifications: Previous laboratory experience is preferred but not required. Interest and experience in soil science/ecology/plant science is highly desirable. Preferred skills include basic laboratory safety, and familiarity with Excel spreadsheets. We are looking for people that are attentive to detail, able to stay focused in a laboratory setting, and can work cooperatively with others as well as independently.

Eligibility: Position will be hired through OSU. Applicants must be currently enrolled college student, ideally with a minimum of two years of academic course work in the biological or physical sciences, preferably related to earth, ecological, or environmental science. Will consider both work-study and non-work study students.

Salary: up to \$10.00/hr.

Duration: October 2009 through June 2010 (part time). Potential for full-time work in the summer of 2010.

Applications: Please submit the following by Oct. 13, 2009:

- cover letter describing your interests, qualifications and previous experience
- resume
- names of 2 or more references including contact phone numbers and e-mail addresses
- copy of transcripts, unofficial is fine

Send application materials to:

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Approximate Start Date: October 19th