2020 Summer Jobs: Prescribed Burn Technician

Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, a field station of the University of Minnesota, is looking for four to eight technicians to assist in our spring prescribed burn program. The positions could start anywhere from March 16th to April 6th and end around mid-May (start and end dates are weather dependent). This is a 40 hour per week position but the hours are variable, especially on days we burn. There is the possibility of overtime on intense burn weeks. Burn experience is not necessary for this position. We provide on-site training. Housing is available to rent on-site. Pay is $12 per hour. If you have graduated or are not currently enrolled in classes we encourage you to apply.

The Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve is an eight square mile tract of land 35 miles north of the Twin Cities. Because of its fortunate location in mid-continent at the triple meeting point of three great biomes of North America, it carries much of the continent's biological heritage. Cedar Creek is endowed with a diverse mosaic of prairie, savanna, sedge meadows, bogs, open water, forests, and even abandoned agricultural fields. Its large size, great natural diversity, and uniform soil substrate make it ideal for ecosystem studies.

Of Cedar Creek’s 5400 acres, we manage about 900 acres through prescribed burning. Our burns consist of oak savanna, prairies, restoration units, and experimental plots that are on some type of burning frequency. Our prescribed burns can range from ¼ of an acre to 100 acres in size. We burn approximately 500 acres annually.

**Main Duties:**
- Prepping burn units.
- Assisting in burning the units.
- Monitoring and mopping up the units after burning.

**Other Duties:**
- Fire road maintenance. Clearing brush and trees to make fire roads safer for burning and driving.
- Research field help. Assist with various field research tasks, i.e. weeding, mowing, etc.

**Qualifications:**
- Must be willing to work evenings and weekends.
- Must be willing to work long hours and have a flexible schedule.

**The deadline for application submission is February 10th.** To apply:

1. **Email** the materials listed below together in one email to ccintern@umn.edu.
   a. A completed application form (download here)
   b. A resume (maximum of two pages)
   c. A cover letter stating why this internship will benefit you
   d. A transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
   e. List of 2 references
If you have any questions regarding the application process or the internship please email the above address or call 612-301-2616.

The deadline for application submission for the prescribed burn position is February 10th 2020. We will continue to accept applications after February 10th, but priority will be given to those applications that come in by the deadline.

You will be considered for this internship if (a) you are a US citizen or (b) a foreign citizen attending a US college or university full-time.