

Volunteer intern program for college students

We are seeking volunteers to assist with data collection for the 2020 summer field season. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable field experience while working in the remote and beautiful Isle Royale.

<u>Duration</u>: approximately five weeks between early-May and mid-June.

<u>Work Environment</u>: Work is conducted on-trail and off-trail throughout Isle Royale. This is a physically demanding position; the climate, insects (mosquitoes and black flies), and terrain are often uncomfortable. Volunteers may be required to carry up to 60 lbs. for varying distances (up to 10 miles per day) over trail and cross-country conditions. The primary mode of living is backpacking. Most travel is by foot.

Primary Duties:

- · measure new growth on balsam fir trees
- · collect moose pellets for diet analysis
- · collect bones from wolf-killed moose carcasses
- · other duties as assigned.



Qualifications:

- · Documented experience backpacking & camping for extended periods in remote settings.
- · Proficiency with orienteering (use of map and compass for navigating) required.
- · Tree identification skills are helpful.
- · Good physical condition.
- The ability to get along with others in backcountry settings for 10-day periods of time.
- · Enrollment in college/university in a Life Sciences curriculum (US or international schools).

<u>Application Period</u>: Applications must be received by March 1st. If you are selected, you will be notified by March 20th. If you have not heard from us by March 31st, we have selected another assistant.

<u>How to Apply</u>: All applicants should submit a Resume and complete the application form and backpacking experience form located in the "how to apply" section of our website: http://www.isleroyalewolf.org/participate/participate/interns.html.

Send application materials to Dr. Sarah R. Hoy at: srhoy@mtu.edu

For more information about this research project, visit: www.isleroyalewolf.org