



Job Ad

Ministry: Ministry of Natural Resources
Division: Applied Research and Development Branch - Centre for Northern Forest Ecosystem Research (CNFER)
Position Title: FOREST RESEARCH TECHNICIAN
Duration: 1 Permanent
Location: CNFER, Lakehead University, 955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay, P7B 5E1, North Region
Compensation Group: OPSEU
Salary: \$21.66 - \$23.37 (MplusM) per hour*
Position Status: Restricted
Job Code: 41104 - Resource Technician 3
Schedule: 4:7
Category: Lands and Resources
Job ID: 11515

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources` Centre for Northern Forest Ecosystem Research (CNFER) is an applied research unit with a focus on the effects of forestry practices on boreal ecosystems. Its mandate has evolved to include conducting research on forests, fish and wildlife, renewable energy, and water science, with an emphasis on cross-disciplinary approaches. Located on campus at Lakehead University, CNFER has built strong linkages with other academic, non-governmental, and industrial partners and continues to seek new opportunities for collaboration.

In this role, you will provide technical, laboratory, data management and statistical support to CNFER stand ecology research in support of the Forest Management Class Environmental Assessment and other research priorities. You will assist in the planning and implementation of laboratory and field studies, provide group leadership to staff and provide training in the methodologies and protocols for field sampling, laboratory work, and data analysis.

Qualifications: field based knowledge of forest biology, ecology, soils, silviculture, and forest management concepts and practices; skills and experience in forest research laboratory and field procedures, including locating, establishing and measuring field plots, field and laboratory equipment maintenance, adjustment and repair, conducting laboratory experiments, sample processing and analyses; knowledge of standards and practices of information gathering and storage, including use of dataloggers and other data capture devices such as GPS and laptops, as well as data collection and inventory techniques, data entry, backup and security to ensure data integrity; basic statistical analyses and data summaries and reports; analytical, problem solving, planning, documentation and coordinating skills to ensure safe, efficient and effective delivery of field and laboratory work; group leadership and communication skills, including ability to instruct others, make presentations, lead junior staff and liaise with clients and partners; knowledge of and experience in computer usage (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint) and knowledge of the principles and use of GIS for mapping and data; ability to undertake physically demanding work in various weather conditions; valid driver`s licence to conduct fieldwork; ability to obtain a small watercraft certificate for vessel operation.

Posting Date: Friday, September 26, 2008

Closing Date: Friday, October 10, 2008

Applications must be received by the end of the closing date with the Job ID number quoted.

Apply online or send application to: Northern Recruitment Centre - Ministry of Government Services
159 Cedar Street, Suite 404

Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 6A5

Fax: (705)564-9165

Only applicants selected for interview will be contacted.

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* Indicates that the salary listed includes the maximum plus merit, in accordance with the OPSEU Collective Agreement.