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Laurier - GNWT Partnership Field Technician Position

In May, 2010, The Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) and Wilfrid Laurier University entered into a ten year partnership agreement. The purpose of the Partnership is to provide new infrastructure and expertise to the GNWT for environmental research and education in order to expand Northwest Territories' capacity to conduct environmental research and monitoring, and to train the new expertise needed to manage its natural resources for future generations. Emerging challenges from climate change and the impacts of growth and development make this work all the more important.

Wilfrid Laurier University is currently looking for a field technician to support existing NWT research and to foster the development of new collaborations. The successful candidate will be based in Yellowknife working for Wilfrid Laurier University in a casual, full-time, seasonal position from June 1 to September 30, 2013. Note that the start and end date may be flexible.

Duties will include but are not limited to:

- Field logistical support and organization
- Maintenance of Partnership equipment and infrastructure in Yellowknife and at various research camps in Northwest Territories (NWT)
- Contribution to field sampling efforts in a range of fields (e.g., hydrological, water/soil quality, fish, and vegetation sampling)
- Data logger/sensor maintenance and troubleshooting
- Liaising between NWT agencies and communities and WLU researchers to foster the development of new research and capacity building projects that meet NWT needs

Travel associated with the position:

- Residence in or relocation to Yellowknife for the continuous period of June 1 September 30 is
- Regular travel to a range of field sites across NWT as needed to facilitate Partnership research efforts

Qualifications:

- Graduation with an acceptable Master's degree from a recognized university in natural sciences related to the duties of the position (e.g., physical hydrology, aquatic or terrestrial ecology, biogeochemistry), or an acceptable diploma or bachelor's degree coupled with relevant training and experience
- Experience conducting research in remote/wilderness settings, preferably northern
- Experience using and maintaining snowmobiles and trailers an asset
- Experience with small construction projects (e.g., constructing/maintaining tent platforms, docks, boardwalks, etc.) an asset
- Experience using and troubleshooting programmable data loggers an asset
- Knowledge of the natural history, cultures and regulatory environment of NWT an asset

Please submit your application by 5pm MST, Tuesday May 28th to chris@nwtwlu.com. If you have questions, please contact Mike English at menglish@wlu.ca or 519-884-0710 ext.2159.