Native Bee Research: Multiple Field Technicians Needed

Location: Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Job Descriptions: Field and laboratory assistants are needed to help with data collection in the Department of Entomology at Michigan State. Assistants are needed for two different projects. The first research project examines the effects of harvesting biofuel crops (prairie, switch grass, and corn) on native pollinators and pollination services. Specifically, we will measure the effect of harvesting on soil nesting bees. The second project investigates the factors that influence the abundance of native pollinators, and how to improve pollination in Michigan fruit crops using a range of techniques such as wildflower plantings and alternative managed bees. The second project will require an extended stay at the MSU field research station in Fennville, MI for a 3 week period in May (accommodations are covered). These positions will be primarily fieldwork (70%) but will also include greenhouse and laboratory work (30%). Daily tasks may include: travel to field sites, visual pollinator observations, plant surveys, monitoring insect traps, maintenance of greenhouse plants, data entry, sample sorting, and curating bee samples.

Required Qualifications:
Interest in conservation biology, pollination biology, entomology, or field ecology
Valid U.S. driver’s license
Ability to work outside for long periods of time in a variety of weather conditions
Attention to detail
Ability to work independently and as part of a team

Job Details:
Employment Period: May 12th 2014 – August 22 2014. Some flexibility surrounds start and end dates, and continued employment is possible depending on funding.
Full Time: 40 hours/week
Salary: $10/hr

To Apply and For Questions:
Send a resume and contact information for three references to: Ashley Bennett (abb@msu.edu)
Please put ‘Bee Field Tech’ in the subject line.

Review of applications will begin February 24nd and will remain open until filled. For more information about our lab, visit: http://www.isaacslab.ent.msu.edu/Home.html