

Field ecology *fall* research assistant positions in the Rockies!



**Full-time field technician positions (up to 4)
Approximately Sept 1 – Oct 30 2009**

We are seeking up to four (4) field assistants for fall work in the Rocky Mountains near Boulder, Colorado. The goal of the research experiment is to study the effects of climate change on subalpine tree species' ranges. The successful applicants will help collect, process and sow conifer seeds into experimental plots near treeline. Additional work may include collecting soil, deploying nitrogen resin bags, creating fire breaks, and winterizing our experimental infrastructure.

Education/Experience: The positions provide great experience for any individual interested in high elevation plant ecology and climate change. Strong applicants will have graduated from a program in natural resources, biology, ecology, or a related field. Experience with gardening, construction, and/or field research is a plus. Applicants must have proven experience in working well with others, be very attentive to details, well organized and responsible, and have a high level of physical fitness. We are looking for assistants who are not afraid of hard work and have a sincere interest in ecological field research.

Conditions: Applicants must be enthusiastic about and capable of carrying a pack with equipment, working and hiking at high elevations, and often in inclement weather. Snow is likely, and rain and high winds are inevitable. The successful candidate will be required to provide his/her own personal field gear. The job is five days a week, 7:30am – 4pm.

Benefits: Salary for this position is \$2,167-\$2,794/month depending on experience. Housing will be provided at or near the Mountain Research Station (MRS). More information about living at MRS can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/mrs/>. Travel to the field location will be paid.

To Apply: Complete applications include a cover letter, a resume, and the contact information for two references. Submit application materials through the online application system at UC Merced: <http://jobs.ucmerced.edu/n/staff/position.jsf?positionId=1488>. Please also notify Dr. Lara Kueppers (lkueppers@ucmerced.edu) by email of your interest. All application materials should clearly indicate your name and the position (Niwt Field Assistant). **Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. We will begin reviewing applications immediately.** Questions: contact Dr. Lara Kueppers (lkueppers@ucmerced.edu) or Dr. Cristina Castanha (castanha@nature.berkeley.edu).