Title of Position: Research Assistant
Supervisor: Nick LaBonte
Approximate Hours a Week: 10
Duration of Position: September 20-December 10
Compensation: $10/hour

Job Description:
I need an assistant to help with seasonal research work this fall. I am a PhD student in Forestry and Natural Resources. You will be helping with a project to determine the genetic basis of variation in chestnut seed traits that influence seed dispersal.

Duties:
- Collect chestnuts from marked trees at Lugar Farm and PWA
- Weigh and measure size of chestnuts
- Tag seeds for dispersal trials and distribute at test sites
- Record dispersal distance/seed fate for chestnuts in dispersal trials

Requirements:
- Candidate must be self-motivated and able to work on their own
- Wildlife, forestry, botany majors preferred
- Basic knowledge of forest ecology is a plus
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Candidate must possess a valid driver’s license
- Experience driving manual transmission vehicles is a plus
- Candidate must be able to work outdoors in cold and possibly inclement weather

Deadline to Apply: 09/15/2015

To apply: Send resume with brief cover letter and 2 references to Nick LaBonte at nlabonte@purdue.edu