Undergraduate Research Opportunity in the Flaherty Lab

The Flaherty lab is currently engaged in multiple projects with a captive population of striped skunks (*Mephitis mephitis*). The lab is seeking a highly motivated student for an undergraduate research project. The study proposed involves winter movement and the relationship between ambient temperature and skunk activity.

The project will involve monitoring captive skunks using activity monitors (Whistle) and trail cameras. The student researcher will be responsible for writing a proposal that includes an introduction, methods, and proposed data analysis. The researcher will be expected to develop a publication-ready manuscript at the end of the project. Additional questions may be directed to Zoë Glas at zglas@purdue.edu

Requirements:
- Willingness to complete ~8 hours of animal care and use training.
- Minimum 2 days per week for husbandry, approximately 2 hours per day.
- Research time varies, expect between 6-16 hours per week.
- Student must have a minimum of one full year left in their program, and be seeking a degree in Wildlife or a directly related field.

Preferred:
- Rabies vaccinations
- Experience working with wild animals
- Experience using trail cameras
- Writing and data analysis experience

Compensation: 1-2 research credits (10 hours of research/week for each credit)

To apply, please send a cover letter describing your career interests and how this opportunity aligns with your career goals AND a CV or résumé to BOTH Zoë Glas (zglas@purdue.edu) and Dr. Flaherty (eflaher@purdue.edu). The last date to apply is 25 September 2015. Review of applicants will begin immediately.