Field Technician Position - Alaska wildlife and climate change

Have you ever wondered what’s it like to conduct research in the Arctic? You don’t have to wonder for long. I am offering a full-time temporary position located at the Toolik Field Station in Toolik Lake, AK, in June, July, and August 2016. During this time, you would be staying at a remote field camp, assisting arctic ground squirrel research. A stipend of $2,000 will be provided, but you must cover your own transportation to the field site. As a technician, your duties will include, but are not limited, to the following:

• Conducting population surveys of arctic ground squirrels, including locating and indexing burrow networks and confirming presence or absence • Assisting the handling and tagging of ground squirrels • Conducting vegetation assessments • Maintaining good working relationships with other scientists at field station to support the goals of research

The ideal candidate is dependable, curious, and enthusiastic, doesn't mind working in physically-taxing situations for long hours, and loves to be outdoors in rugged conditions.

Ultimately the goal of the research is to understand the interaction of climate change and arctic ground squirrel activity. This research is part of a broad research program to understand the impacts of climate change on wildlife based out of the University of Massachusetts and the Department of Interior Northeast Climate Science Center under Dr. Toni Lyn Morelli.

If you are interested in the position, email Nigel Golden at ngolden AT umass DOT edu by April 15, 2016. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.