Yukon red squirrel field technicians needed

Field Assistants Required 2019 Kluane Red Squirrel Project, Yukon, Canada

We are looking for field technicians to assist with fieldwork that will run from March 1 to Oct 1 2019. We are looking for technicians for the following different time periods: (a) 1 March-15-May (b) 3 April-3 July, and (c) 20 August - 1 October.

The positions are part of a long-term study of red squirrel ecology, evolutionary biology and physiology. As a member of the study, technicians will be involved with monitoring the reproduction and survival of individual squirrels. Fieldwork will involve live-trapping and handling of squirrels, radio-telemetry, behavioural observation, and locating young in their nests. This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience working with a collaborative research team on a long-term study of a wild mammal.

All fieldwork is carried against the beautiful backdrop of southwestern Yukon, Canada. We will be staying at a rustic field station two hours from Whitehorse, and ~30 min to the nearest town (Haines Junction). All food and accommodation are provided and technicians are provided with transportation (within reason) to and from the field site either through airfare or vehicles.

Training will be provided and no experience is necessary. Candidates should have an interest in a number of the following (the more the better!): ecology, evolutionary biology, wildlife, field biology, and animal behaviour. The field camp is remote and low tech (no showers, cell phone service, or internet), so successful applicants must enjoy the outdoors and be able to remain a positive and responsible team member under relatively isolated and demanding conditions. Candidates must be in good physical condition, have an enthusiasm for learning and a strong work ethic. KRSP aims to be a welcoming, safe, and inclusive research group and we strongly encourage applications from underrepresented groups.

If you wish to apply for one of these posts then please send a CV with a cover letter and contact details for three references (with e-mail addresses), by email kluaneredsquirrels@gmail.com by January 21 2018 (for positions starting on March1) but applications will continue to be accepted for the later positions. Please also indicate the time period(s) you are interested in.