Student Employment Opportunity

Position Title: Research and Monitoring Technician

Position Description: The Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve seeks an undergraduate student to assist the Research and Monitoring Program Coordinators with implementing research and monitoring projects. Work will take place in the Lake Superior Reserve’s laboratory, and in and around the St. Louis River estuary. Tasks will include assisting with project implementation, laboratory analysis and data collection. The Technician may occasionally support the Reserve’s staff engaged in outreach, education, and other duties.

Primary duties include assisting with laboratory analysis including nutrient, chlorophyll and suspended solid analysis and calibration of water quality logging devices ( sondes). The technician will also assist with fieldwork, primary deploying sondes, measuring vegetation cover and growth, monitoring invasive species and assisting with other research projects as they are developed. No prior technical expertise is required; all methods will be taught as needed, but a strong interest in chemistry and/or biology is a must. The technician will be supervised, but will occasionally work independently using predefined methods.

Position details:
This position will be for 5-10 hours per week during spring semester and 15-25 hours during the summer. The position term is January 15 through October 30, 2018 (with potential to extend position). Pay is $10.00 per hour.

Desired qualifications:
Proficient in Microsoft Office software (primarily word and excel)
Reliable work ethic
Able to work outside
Able to work independently on predefined tasks
At least introductory coursework in chemistry

Applications:
To apply for this position please email your resume, unofficial class transcripts, and a cover letter stating your background relevant to the position, specific research interests, and future career goals to Hannah Ramage (Hannah.ramage@ces.uwex.edu) by November 27th.