



## Employment Opportunity:

### Summer Field Technician

May 2017 to September 2017 (dates TBA)

#### Overview:

The fRI Research Caribou Program was created in 2013 to conduct and coordinate research on caribou in Alberta. The goal of the program is to provide land and resource managers with knowledge and planning tools through applied research to support Alberta's caribou recovery efforts and ensure their long-term persistence. For more information on the Caribou Program, please visit our website: <https://friresearch.ca/program/caribou-program>

#### Job Description:

The technician will carry out fieldwork aimed at assessing the characteristics of caribou habitat, such as the forest canopy, understory vegetation, human disturbance, and use by predators. The technician will work as part of a two-person field crew based out of remote field camps in the Rocky Mountains and boreal forest of Alberta. Applicants should be comfortable working in remote field settings, driving on poor roads (gravel, mud) where extensive heavy duty truck traffic occurs, and camping in all weather conditions. The applicant needs to be physically fit and willing to work extended hours regardless of weather conditions and insects. Applicants with knowledge of vegetation sampling and strong plant and animal identification skills are preferred.

#### Essential Job Qualifications:

1. A minimum of two years in a natural resources, forestry or wildlife diploma/degree program
2. A minimum of one season of related field experience
3. Familiar with Rocky Mountain and boreal forest plants, field sampling methodology, and data collection procedures
4. Organized, highly motivated, and able to work in a team environment composed of people from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines
5. Comfortable working in remote field camp for extended periods of time
6. Comfortable working in adverse weather conditions and in remote areas where bears are present
7. Experience navigating with a GPS, maps, and a compass
8. Experience and proficiency operating quads and a 4x4 truck
9. Valid Canadian driver's license or International driver's permit
10. Valid first aid (Wilderness first aid preferred)

**Salary:** \$2600 to \$3000 monthly depending on project funding and applicant's experience. All expenses are covered while in the field. Applicants eligible for Canada Summer Jobs funding are particularly welcome.

**Please email your cover letter (clearly indicating how your experience meets each of the job qualifications), resume, and contact information for two references to:** Barry Nobert ([bnobert@friresearch.ca](mailto:bnobert@friresearch.ca)) Subject line: "Application – Summer Field Technician 2017"

**Closing Date:** March 6, 2017, 1600 hours, MST

**We thank all applicants in advance; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.**