**Field Technician**

We seek to fill multiple field technician positions for a large-scale experiment testing how the restoration of longleaf pine ecosystem in the Southeastern United States impacts insect pollinators and pollination services. Primary job duties will include field, laboratory, and office tasks required for studies of insect pollinator communities and pollination biology. The research for this field season has 3 major goals: 1) collecting and preserving pollinating insects, especially bees, across many experimental plots in the field, 2) conducting a field experiment with plants to understand how pollination services vary across the landscape, and 3) conducting observations and experiments to better understand the pollination biology of native plants in this system.

The ideal start date for this position would be in mid to late May 2016, and it will last for 3-6 months. Pay rate will be $10-12 per hour, commensurate with experience. The technician will work at the Savannah River Site, live in a town near the site (Aiken or New Ellenton, SC, or Augusta, GA), and will join a team of Lars Brudvig, Rufus Isaacs, Jason Gibbs, and Nash Turley, and a lead technician based at The Savanna River Site. Housing is not provided, but low-cost options are available. Successful candidates will have, or be working towards, a bachelor’s degree in ecology, biology, or a related discipline. Previous field research experience is required, previous entomological or botanical field experience is highly desired. The successful applicant must be able to endure hot, humid conditions and long hours in the field.

Michigan State University is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

It is important to note that the research site is a highly secure area run by the federal government, so non-United States citizens may have difficulty gaining clearance to work there.

To apply, please email a resume and a letter including descriptions of past experience that highlight entomology/botany/ecology experience, why this position is interesting or important to you, dates of availability, and contact information with email addresses for three references to Sabrie Breland (sabriejrb@gmail.com) with subject line “Seasonal technician application”. Review of application materials will begin immediately; applications received after April 15 will not be considered.