

## **Research Graduate Assistantship in Forest Recreation**

### **University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, College of Natural Resources**

A research project and assistantship is available for a student interested in pursuing a Master of Science in Natural Resources.

**Project:** The graduate assistant will help lead a study to better understand the extent to which personal technology enhances or detracts from forest visitor recreation experiences, and to identify associated implications for managing technology use on remote and urban-proximate forests.

**Responsibilities and Requirements:** The graduate assistant will contribute to all stages of the research project, including questionnaire development, preparation of paperwork for needed research approvals, collection of field data, data entry and analysis, and preparation and presentation of reports and papers. Successful completion of the project will require strong communication skills, comfort speaking with forest visitors from a variety of diverse backgrounds, a desire to work in urban and rural forests, willingness to travel for data collection, and an ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

Requirements for graduate application to UW – Stevens Point and the College of Natural Resources may be found here: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/graduateProgram/Pages/applicationProcedure.aspx>

Students on a graduate assistantship must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher and enroll in at least 4 credits (part-time graduate student status) during the academic year.

**Compensation:** A one-year, half-time (20 hrs/week) graduate research assistantship, \$16,000 for 12 months, is available through the project. Graduate teaching assistantships – approximately \$13,000 for the academic year – are likely available to support the second year of graduate study and to provide additional experience. With a half-time assistantship, out-of-state residents pay Wisconsin tuition. Minnesota residents pay tuition costs determined by the Minnesota/Wisconsin reciprocity agreement: <http://www.uwsp.edu/admissions/Pages/Affordability/minnesotaReciprocity.aspx>  
Health insurance benefits may be available based on university policy for graduate students.

**Start Date:** January 2017

**Application:** Contact Dr. Laura Anderson McIntyre ([landerso@uwsp.edu](mailto:landerso@uwsp.edu); (715) 346-4182) for more information and to express interest in the assistantship. Graduate school applications for spring semester are due to UW – Stevens Point and the College of Natural Resources by November 1, 2016.