**Field technician position: tropical forest ecosystem ecology and climate change**  
A field technician position is available with Whendee Silver’s research group at the University of California, Berkeley (https://nature.berkeley.edu/silverlab/) to assist with a project investigating the controls on greenhouse gas emissions from tropical soils and the impact of climate change on below-ground biogeochemistry in Puerto Rico.

Primary job duties will include running and maintaining field sensors and equipment, establishment and maintenance of experimental field plots, field soil sampling and lab/office work (e.g., sample processing, data entry). The technician will work both independently and collaboratively with postdocs and graduate students in the group. This position will be based at El Verde Research Station, a Long-Term Ecological Research site (LTER), in Luquillo, Puerto Rico.  
  
Minimum requirements: A bachelor's degree in ecology, biology or a  
similar field of study, previous research experience, the ability to work full days under arduous (hot/humid) field conditions, comfort with basic maintenance (e.g., changing the oil in a generator), and a valid driver’s license.  
  
Desired qualifications: Training in trace gas flux methods or soil ecosystem ecology, experience with dataloggers or other automated scientific equipment, comfort with computer and instrument repair (hardware and software), conversational Spanish.

Positions will begin as early as May 25, 2016, and will last 9-12 months. Applicants should indicate dates of availability in their application letter.  
  
Pay rate will be $X-Y/hour, for 40 hours/week, depending on qualifications.

To apply: Email a CV and a letter describing your interest in this position, relevant past experience, start date availability, and contact information with email addresses for two references to Whendee Silver (wsilver@berkeley.edu). Review of application materials will begin immediately; applications received after June 1, 2016 will not be considered.  
  
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