

Senior Geology Field Assistants

Yukon Geological Survey requires undergraduate students or equivalents as field assistants for the 2018 field season. The incumbent assists a YGS geologist to undertake geology mapping projects or detailed geological studies, usually from remote two-person tent fly camps. Students must be willing and able to work under strenuous and primitive conditions in mountainous terrain.

Duties typically involve both field activities (80-40%) and office-based activities (20-60%).

Field Duties:

- Helping with camp site selection, set-up and maintenance (e.g. cooking, washing dishes); helping to plan and lead traverses on foot to rock outcrops; making observations and collecting data as appropriate in order to support mapping and geologic interpretations; maintaining field equipment in good order; while in fly camps, daily communication with supervisor and/or YGS Safety Coordinator to report on camp location and status of field crew and to keep supervisor apprised of geologic work.

Office-based Duties:

- Sorting and packing food and field gear; sorting rocks; preparing rock samples for shipping; data entry of field information; making maps for internal use.

Knowledge, Abilities, Certificates

- Undergraduate student in earth sciences or related field – preference will be given to students who have completed at least one field season with a geological survey or exploration company or university;
- General knowledge of computer programs such as Word, Excel, Access and GIS software;
- A valid driver's licence is required. Preference will be given to students who have a valid first aid certificate (Standard First Aid or better) and current firearms Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL).
- Successful candidates may be required to pass a medical exam for physical fitness (paid for by YGS).

Pay

- Starting at ~\$32 per hour, plus vacation pay of 8% of regular pay, plus overtime pay for time worked on weekends and statutory holidays
- For out-of-Yukon students we provide:
 - Return travel to Whitehorse paid (equivalent of return air fare)
 - Accommodation at Yukon College dorm OR we pay an accommodation allowance of \$200/month.

Term - Approximately three months between late May and late August.

Deadline for submission

- March 9, 2018. We expect to notify successful applicants by early April.
- Applications – please submit via email a **single** document that includes a cover letter, resume and contact information for at least two references. Make sure to **include your name in the document name (e.g. fred_bloggs_resume.doc)**. Include in your cover letter your interest in being a senior assistant with a bedrock mapping project
- Yukon Geological Survey supports undergraduate thesis projects. If you are interested in pursuing a thesis project as part of your employment please indicate this in your cover letter.

Information requests and applications may be submitted by e-mail to:

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