Position Description: Plant Ecology Technician
Opening Dates: January 31- February 10, 2020
Reports To: Kate Miller
Job Type: full-time, temporary position
Location: Bar Harbor, ME
Vacancies: 1 technician
Duration: 15 weeks mid May to end of August (exact dates TBD)

One full-time, temporary position (mid-May to end of August) to conduct long-term vegetation monitoring and contribute to forest research in the Acadia National Park region.

About Schoodic Institute: Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. The mission of Schoodic Institute is to advance ecosystem science and learning for all ages through its unique partnership with Acadia National Park. The Institute’s goal is to be the national leader for research that inspires environmental stewardship. From its Acadia National Park campus, the Institute engages scientists, educators, students, and the public in research and learning. Schoodic Institute’s programs build understanding and appreciation for science and the natural world and contribute to addressing complex challenges in a changing environment.

Primary Responsibilities: The incumbent will contribute to forest research programs with the Schoodic Institute, and assist with long-term vegetation monitoring programs in Acadia National Park. This is a field-based position, and incumbent will be required to carry a 35+ pound pack, work in all weather conditions, and hike off trail through rough terrain. Incumbent may be exposed to deer ticks that carry Lyme disease, biting insects, poison ivy and dense brush.

Duties:
- Attend forest crew training during the first two weeks of the field season located at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock, VT and in Saratoga National Historical Park in Stillwater, NY.
- Rotate time between assisting the Forest Ecology Program Director with forest research at Schoodic Institute (approx. 4-6 weeks), and sampling forest, rocky intertidal, and freshwater wetland vegetation for long-term monitoring programs in Acadia National Park (approx. 7 weeks).
- Other duties may include pressing unknown plant specimens, preparing soil samples for processing, data entry, and data quality assurance/quality control.

Qualifications and Job Requirements:
- Experience conducting field work in difficult conditions (e.g., harsh terrain, high heat/humidity, and biting insects)
- Experience with plant identification, including ability to identify eastern trees and shrubs.
- Must have a valid driver's license and be willing to drive NPS-provided vehicles throughout the season.
- Must be a US Citizen
- Upon selection, applicant will be subjected to a federal background investigation and must receive favorable adjudication to be hired.
**Compensation:** Hourly pay at $14/hour depending on experience. While on travel the first two weeks, housing and a meals stipend will be provided. For the rest of the season, park housing will be reserved, but technician will have to pay rent.

**To Apply:** Please send resume, unofficial transcripts & cover letter describing your experience with field work and identifying plants as a .pdf attachment to search@schoodicinstitute.org using “Plant Ecology Technician” in the subject line. Please send all questions regarding the position to search@schoodicinstitute.org.