We are pleased to announce the following Parks Canada Student Employment Opportunity for May 11th – Aug. 14th, 2020 (dates approximate). Students must commit to the entire work term to be considered for this position.

Criteria for Parks Canada Student Hiring program:

a) Must be a full-time post-secondary student in a registered educational institution
b) Must be a student registered for full-time studies in the semester preceding the hiring period and returning to full-time studies in the following semester.
c) Must be willing to undergo Federal Government security screening (reliability status)
d) Must be a Canadian citizen currently

Location: Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, SK

Job Description: Working under the supervision of Dr. Todd Shury (Wildlife Health Specialist, Parks Canada), the successful candidate will be involved with maintaining and organizing samples for the Parks Canada biobank, assisting with wildlife health data collection and analysis in various national parks in western Canada, data collation and analysis, and lab work in support of research related to vaccines and diagnostic tests for bovine tuberculosis in bison. Field work may include burrow swabbing to collect fleas for plague surveillance, capture and anesthesia and blood sampling of prairie dogs, collection of fecal samples as well as risk assessment and data collation. Other opportunities to work with other research partners on wildlife related projects throughout the summer may present themselves on an ad hoc basis as well (Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative). The position may require some strenuous physical activity working outside in a national park setting, so a moderate level of physical fitness is expected as well as a background in collection and analysis of wildlife health data. Successful applicants will also require a current valid driver’s license as well as a strong work ethic and willingness to be flexible and organized. Specific training and PPE will be provided and occasional travel in Western Canada may be required. Rate of pay will be consistent with university undergraduate pay scale available at https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/psm-fpfm/pay-remuneration/rates-taux/student-etudiants-eng.asp Students with a background in biology, resource conservation, or related natural resource fields will be considered for this position and returning undergraduate students in a DVM program are preferred. Please indicate by Friday, March 13th
your interest in this position by providing the following information:
Email a copy of your current resumé and a short cover letter (1-2 pages) indicating your interest and availability for this position, confirming you meet the criteria for the Parks Canada Student Hiring program (above) and what makes you the best qualified candidate to
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Former summer students in action: