



M.S. Graduate Position Burbot larval ecology

Seeking a M.S. Biology graduate student to conduct research on larval burbot (*Lota lota*) at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI. Burbot are a native, freshwater gadiform fish that spawn in variable habitats during winter in the northern hemisphere. The project will focus on dispersal-related behaviors and abilities in early larval stages of lab-reared burbot from wild-collected gametes. Position requires some winter field work as well as lab work. Position will be supported by an academic year graduate teaching assistantship (two academic years), which includes a stipend and tuition waiver.

Required: B.S. in fisheries, natural resources, ecology, biology or related field with overall GPA of at least 3.0. Strong interest in larval fish behavior, rearing, and biology. Ability and interest in conducting cold-weather winter field work. *Preferred:* Experience with aquaculture, interest in native coldwater fishes, excellent attention to detail, highly motivated with strong work ethic, excellent writing, experience with statistics/R. Interest in grant writing.

Start date: August 2021.

Pay: \$9,300 (gross) + tuition waiver for 8 mo academic years. NMU also supports graduate students with summer grant opportunities.

If interested, send cover letter, CV, unofficial transcript, and contact info for references to Dr. Jill Leonard at jileonar@nmu.edu. Application review will begin immediately; applications accepted through February 1, 2022.