

MSc Opportunity

Community-Driven Mukwa (Black Bear) Conservation in Saugeen Ojibway Nation



An MSc Student will:

- Engage in community-driven, interdisciplinary research that embraces multiple ways of knowing
- Work in partnership with Saugeen Ojibway Nation
- Participate in extensive field work in remote forested areas
- Develop skills in scientific outreach, Indigenous research methodologies, population ecology, spatial ecology, and data analysis

Qualified candidates will have:

- A Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, Environmental Science, or a related field
- A minimum CGPA of 3.0 (on 4.3 scale) (>75% average)
- Field work experience and a valid Driver's License
- Excellent communication skills
- Indigenous cultural competency

Anticipated Start Date: May 2026

Location: Position based in the WISE Lab at the University of Guelph with field work in Saugeen Ojibway Nation (Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula region in Ontario)

Applications: 1) Cover letter outlining research interests and qualifications; 2) Curriculum Vitae; 3) Contact information for 3 references.

In partnership with the University of Guelph's WISE Lab, Saugeen Ojibway Nation's Environment Office is seeking applications for an MSc student position. This community-driven work will involve monitoring black bears using camera traps and contribute to conservation planning through prioritizing Indigenous knowledge and cultural values.

To apply or to learn more, please contact:

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