

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

POSTING DATE: November 2025

POSITION: Girls on outdoor Adventure for Leadership and Science (GALS) Graduate Research Assistantship (RA) Position Available Spring 2026

SITE: MSU's W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners, Michigan 49060 (or remote if based on main campus)

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: One full-time at 20 hours/ week

DURATION: January 13 – May 2, 2026

Application Timeline: Application review will begin Monday, November 24th, 2025

Position Description:

Girls on Outdoor Adventure for Leadership and Science (GALS) is a free summer science program for female-identifying or gender non-conforming high school students from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in STEM, and all are welcome to apply (<http://galsmi.weebly.com>).



During GALS MI, participants spend two weeks engaging in hands-on science and developing their own research projects while backpacking through local forests. We are currently updating the Michigan program to launch its second year at the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station (KBS) starting summer 2026.

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station

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We have funding from a grant to support a Research Assistant (RA) in spring 2026 to revise program materials. This position will be co-supervised by Jackie Gerson, an adjunct faculty member, and Misty Klotz, the education and outreach coordinator at KBS. In line with university RA expectations, this role requires 20 hours per week. Responsibilities will include managing logistical and organizational tasks as we develop the program at MSU and incorporate the RA's experiences and expertise.

Specific tasks will vary throughout the semester and will include:

1. Advertising the GALS program to students and leaders
2. Maintaining GALS Michigan website and social media
3. Communicating with students, parents, leaders, and speakers
4. Assembling trip-specific gear
5. Updating program materials
6. Compiling participant paperwork and trip logistic paperwork

Qualifications: Graduate students who have completed at least one year of graduate study at MSU are eligible to apply. We are looking for a highly detail-oriented candidate who possesses excellent interpersonal and communication skills and has a proven ability to work collaboratively as part of a team.

Applicants should demonstrate genuine enthusiasm and commitment to GALS's mission.

Please note: There will be an opportunity to continue this work through a summer fellowship. We will soon seek graduate student volunteers to help with additional aspects of the GALS program development, and we will also recruit summer trip leaders.

To apply:

Submit an application package, which includes:

- A C.V. or resume
- A one to two-page statement describing why you are interested in the position and any relevant skills or experiences
- A letter of support from your faculty advisor

Please name the application file” LastName_GALS_Fellowship.pdf” and email it to the Education and Outreach Coordinator at klotzmis@msu.edu.

About the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station

As Michigan State University’s largest off-campus educational complex, KBS has put its land-grant values into practice for nearly a century, providing the public with examples of science’s crucial role in sustaining natural and managed communities. KBS students and faculty work to understand and solve real-world environmental problems for a better tomorrow. To learn more, visit kbs.msu.edu.

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