

Research Technicians for Tutakoke River Brant Project, Summer 2025

Tentative project dates: early May – late July 2025

Location: Tutakoke River, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Alaska

Description: We are seeking 2 technicians for a long-term research project on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta of Alaska that focuses on the evolutionary ecology, migration ecology, and population dynamics of black brant. Primary duties include searching for and monitoring nests of brant and other waterfowl, reading color-character tarsal bands of marked brant, capturing and banding adult brant and goslings, data entry, and assisting with remote field camp operations. Working hours can be irregular and are often influenced by weather and tides. The field site is on the coast of the Bering Sea and technicians will frequently be working in adverse conditions (e.g., high winds, freezing temperatures, precipitation) and walking long distances on mud flats and coastal vegetation while wearing waders. The project is based out of a remote field camp with limited amenities (e.g., no running water, cellular service, or internet).

Qualifications: Applicants must be detail oriented, able to work both independently and cooperatively with others, and able to lift and carry >75 pounds. Preference will be given to applicants with experience monitoring bird nests, capturing, marking, and resighting large numbers of birds, working in remote field camps, operating boats with tiller motors, operating snow machines or ATVs, and fixing small engines.

We are committed to providing an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment based on race, age, creed, color, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender, disability, veteran status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. We also strive to provide a safe study, work, and social living environment for the field team. Experienced individuals from underrepresented backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply.

Eligibility: U.S. citizens and non-citizens that are lawfully authorized to work in the United States.

Compensation: A \$20 / hr salary plus coverage of travel to the field site as well as housing and food while at the field site.

How to apply: To apply, please submit a single PDF with a résumé or vitae, cover letter that is less than one page, and names and contact information for three professional references by e-mail to James Golden at goldenjames1999@gmail.com, with the subject header “Tutakoke Black Brant Position”. Applications will be accepted until 15 December 2025 or until positions are filled.