Research associate to lead preparations for field research based in the Canadian Arctic

We are seeking a research associate to lead preparations for field research based at Karrak Lake Research Station in the Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Nunavut, Canada. We anticipate the research associate will plan all aspects of the field season for multiple research programs, including studies on lesser snow geese and Ross’s geese, as well as shorebirds, king eiders, Arctic foxes, and Arctic ecosystems. The research associate will be based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan during the planning period (January to May 2024) and will join the field crew at Karrak Lake, May to July 2024. We also anticipate the research associate will have opportunities to be involved in and/or lead post-season analyses and report writing, depending on interests and qualifications.

Qualifications:

- Recent experience in field work in wildlife biology or ecology, ideally with an emphasis on Arctic or northern systems and migratory birds.
- Current First Aid certification and familiarity with firearms, outboard motors, and navigation.
- Ability to manage and schedule multifaceted projects including working under pressure, meeting deadlines, and working with a variety of different people.
- Demonstrated ability to organize logistics and plan and coordinate work crews and teams.
- Ability to acquire materials used for field work.
- Ability to communicate diplomatically and effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Comfortable in a variety of conditions (cold/snowy, hot/buggy) and with moderate physical exercise (walking 10 – 15 km per day).

Details:

Location: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Nunavut – Canada

Rate of pay: Dependent on qualifications; $76,000 to $85,000 annually.

Employment term: Two years

Closing date: 5 January 2024

Start date: January-February 2024

To be considered for this position, please send the following (preferably as a single PDF) to Drs. Mitch Weegman (mitch.weegman@usask.ca) and Kirsty Gurney (kirsty.gurney@ec.gc.ca)

(1) Letter of interest summarizing your experience, (2) Curriculum vitae or resume, (3) Contact information for three references.