We're Hiring!

SUMMER 2026

Working Landscape Research Technicians

Wetland Bird Research Technician (1)

The primary role will be assisting in waterbird monitoring by drone across Iowa. The technician will be responsible for driving long distances, working in/around water, and some overnight travel. The technician should have strong interest in becoming a licensed drone pilot. Field work will begin during the academic year (April, part time), shifting to full time in the summer.

Contact: Jayden Jech (MS student) at jjech@iastate.edu

Wetland Reptile and Amphibian Research Technician (1)

Primary duties will include assisting in reptile and amphibian monitoring through the use of various techniques such as traps and coverboards. The technician will be responsible for driving long distances and some overnight travel. Technician should be comfortable around water and capable of handling reptiles and amphibians. Field work will begin during the academic year (April, part time), shifting to full time in the summer.

Contact: Mic Rohde (PhD student) at rohdeml@iastate.edu

Grassland Bird and Vegetation Research Technician (2)

Primary duties will include assisting in grassland bird monitoring on private lands across Iowa. Strong candidates should have interest in wildlife ecology. Both positions are full time (40 hours per week) and field work will involve full days in outdoor field settings.

Contact: Chase Cessna (MS student) and Gabriel Runyon (MS student) at ccessna@iastate.edu and grunyon@iastate.edu

Acoustic Monitoring Research Technician (1)

Primary duties will include deploying acoustic recording units (ARUs) and analyzing acoustic data across Iowa and neighboring states. Strong candidates should have interest in wildlife ecology. The position is full time (40 hours per week) and field work will involve full days in outdoor field settings.

Contact: Santosh Bajagain (PhD Student) at bsantosh@iastate.edu

To apply, please submit cover letter, CV/resume, and 2-3 professional references to the listed contact.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis