

Job Classification: **Hourly Assistant – Research Program Participant (1 positions)**

Title: **Wildlife Technician-Wetlands and Waterbirds** (Grant supported, hourly position)

Agency: Illinois Natural History Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois

Location: Kibbe Life Science Research Station, Warsaw, IL/ Forbes Biological Station, Havana, IL

Description: The Illinois Natural History Survey is seeking one research technician to assist with spring diving duck banding operations in the Illinois River Valley and on Pool 19 of the Mississippi River. Primary duties will include trapping and banding lesser scaup (*Aythya affinis*) during March-mid-April. Candidates will be expected to scout sites, carry buckets of corn and swim-in traps to trapping locations, monitor sites daily, and band diving ducks throughout the day. This position will require working in inclement weather on the IL and MS rivers. Candidates should be comfortable wading in and working around water. The successful candidate will also be responsible for daily banding data entry, maintenance of equipment and facilities, and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Candidates possessing or pursuing a Bachelors degree in biological sciences, wildlife ecology, or related field are preferred. Applicants must be willing to carry heavy equipment and bird crates ( $\leq 50$  lbs) while wading through wetlands for banding operations. This position requires working in inclement weather (cold, wet) in a strong, dynamic river system. Applicants who are enthusiastic, personable, organized, and possess a strong work ethic are encouraged to apply. Candidates will be required to work independently and as part of a team.

Salary: \$18/hr; 40 hrs/week. Housing is provided at Kibbe Research Station near Warsaw, IL or Forbes Biological Station in Havana, IL.

Duration: Successful applicant will begin early February and last through **mid-April**

Application: Review of applications will begin immediately. **Electronic applications are required.**

To apply, please send cover letter, resume, and names and contact information of three references to: [osbornjm@illinois.edu](mailto:osbornjm@illinois.edu) (Be sure to reference **Banding Technician** in the subject line).

Direct technical questions to Josh Osborn [osbornjm@illinois.edu](mailto:osbornjm@illinois.edu) or (662) 279-4606.

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