

# Wild Turkey Research Technicians: Nebraska

## Agency

School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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## Location

Western Nebraska

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## Job Category

Temporary/Seasonal Positions

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## Salary

\$13/hour with housing and work truck included

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## Start Date

01/03/2024

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## Last Date to Apply

10/31/2023

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## Website

<https://awesmlab.unl.edu>

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## Description

The Applied Wildlife Ecology & Spatial Movement Lab and Nebraska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (University of Nebraska-Lincoln [UNL]) is recruiting multiple research technicians (2-3) for a wild turkey ecology research project in western Nebraska. The study will examine various facets of wild turkey ecology including reproduction, disease, harvest, gobbling chronology, predation risk, genetics, and spatial ecology. The expected results from this research project will be directly applicable to wild turkey management in Nebraska and will contribute critical information to the broader understanding of factors affecting wild turkey population declines across the United States. The successful candidates will be expected to assist 3 graduate students

with various aspects of fieldwork, which include but are not necessarily limited to capture and GPS monitoring of male and female wild turkeys, nest and brood monitoring, vegetation surveys, disease monitoring, mesopredator camera trap surveys, and acoustic monitor setup and maintenance. This a collaborative project with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and faculty at University of Nebraska-Lincoln and University of Georgia. As such, the successful candidates will work with a team of graduate students, private landowners, university faculty, and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission biologists. Field season housing and field transportation will be provided.

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## **Qualifications**

Preference will be given to applicants that have a B.S. in wildlife ecology or a related field. Successful candidates will be expected to have significant field experience with: (1) animal capture and tagging, with preference given to applicants experienced in wild turkey capture and tagging; (2) radio telemetry and wildlife tracking; (3) setting up trail cameras; (4) vegetation sampling; and (5) operating 4WD vehicles and UTV's in rugged terrain. Successful applicants will have strong interpersonal skills as daily interaction with landowners, hunters, state agency personnel, and other stakeholders will occur and a willingness to work early mornings and late nights and weekends when necessary.

Review of applications will begin immediately, and the position will remain open until filled. To be considered for these positions, please send a cover letter outlining your interests, resume, and contact information for 3 professional references (name, email, phone, address) combined in a single PDF file with the file name formatted as lastname\_firstname.pdf (e.g., doe\_john.pdf) with the subject line titled: "Wild Turkey Technician" to Dr. Andrew Little (alittle6@unl.edu).

The University of Nebraska is committed to a pluralistic campus community through affirmative action, equal opportunity, work-life balance, and dual careers. See <http://www.unl.edu/equity/notice-nondiscrimination>

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