Wetland Wildlife Field Technicians (2-4 positions)

Wildlife Ecology Institute
Michigan, United States (On-Site)

Job Type: Temporary
Salary: $18.50 - $22.00
Specialty: Wetland Ecology
Min Experience: 0-1 Year
Salary Type: Hourly Wage
Occupation: Field Technician

Description
Organization: Wildlife Ecology Institute
Location: Michigan, Ohio
Position: Wetland Wildlife Field Technicians (2–4 positions)
Duration: See descriptions
Hours: See descriptions
Salary: See descriptions
Last Date to Apply: 1 March 2024 (or until filled)
Website: www.wildlifeecology.org

NOTES TO HELP OUR EARLY-CAREER PROFESSIONALS:
1. Please review the entire position description and follow all directions below for applying.
2. Match the length (number of pages) of your CV to your education, experience, etc. Be concise yet be comprehensive. We have heard from many undergraduates during the past several years that they have been advised to limit their CV to only one page, period. We very much disagree, unless you find that one page is sufficient. We all start with one page early in our career.
3. We strive to help our hard-working early-career professionals. If you do a great job for us, we see you as a great long-term investment in our field. Other opportunities may arise with us, we have a lot of connections in our field, and we can help you navigate the next steps in your career. This is part of our mission.

DESCRIPTION:
Wildlife Ecology Institute has several limited-duration employment opportunities for Wetland Wildlife Field Technicians for Phase II of our Great Lakes Basin Muskrat Research Project (https://www.wildlifeecology.org/muskrat_gl2.html), which includes an evaluation of wetland conditions and their relationship with demographics, reproduction, and health of muskrat populations. Our project partners include Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Kansas State University, Sault Saint Marie Tribe of the Chippewa, Keweenaw Indian Bay Community, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and others.

Fieldwork will be conducted within the Great Lakes Basin, specifically Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (northwestern OH), Munuscong Bay area (eastern Upper Peninsula, MI), and Keweenaw Bay area (western Upper Peninsula, MI). Activities will be coordinated directly with project partners, and maintaining professional relationships with all partners, site managers, etc., is critical. Duties include conducting muskrat hut-count surveys, safely navigating wetland complexes using kayaks and on foot, following established protocols (e.g., data collection, AIS prevention), and other duties as assigned. Field conditions may include long hours, including some weekends, and in relatively difficult conditions (e.g., hot weather, wet everything, creepy-crawlies). Applicants must be comfortable working in teams in challenging conditions and ideally have experience with kayaks and identifying wetland vegetation.
Pay rate is $18.50–22.00/hr, depending on experience. Duration of employment will be approximately 8–12 weeks, although extension may be possible. Fieldwork will generally occur during early July to early September 2023, with some potential adjustment and flexibility for dates.

Requirements

QUALIFICATIONS:
Applicants that have earned, or are enrolled toward, a B.S. in wildlife, botany, or a closely related field are encouraged to apply. Candidates must possess strong organizational and communication skills and have a high level of attention to detail. Preference will be given to applicants with relevant experience, but we are willing to train our future wildlife professionals. No health insurance or other benefits are included with these positions. Background checks will be conducted prior to any offers of employment.

Wildlife Ecology Institute, Helena, MT, is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt research organization that focuses on bridging the disconnect between research and management. We work across the U.S. on a diverse range of species, and typically in collaboration with state, tribal, and federal agency partners. One of our goals is to train future wildlife professionals, and we strive to provide high-quality training and experiences to help meet that goal, including post-employment.

TO APPLY:

Application materials must include:
1. A brief cover letter that includes a description of your career goals and relevant qualifications
2. A curriculum vitae
3. Contact information for three professional references

Please submit your application materials (only as a single PDF with filename formatted as LastnameFirstname_Application) only via email and with the subject line, “Application for GLB Field Technician Position,” to Tim Hiller (tim.hiller@wildlifeecology.org), Executive Director, Wildlife Ecology Institute. Questions are encouraged and can also be directed to Tim. The deadline for applying is 12:00 pm (midnight) Mountain, Friday, 1 March 2024.

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