Position Announcement

Waterfowl Research Technician

Application Deadline: 25 Aug 2023; applications reviewed in the order received and may hire prior to the closing date.

Duration of Employment: Approximately 13 Nov 2023 thru 22 Apr 2024 with a maximum of 1,245 hours.

Compensation: $17.60/hour. Free housing provided. No pets allowed.

Job Description: The successful applicant will assist with many movement ecology research projects (i.e., white-fronts, snow geese, mallards, northern pintails, and blue-winged teal), HPAI research and surveillance, and potentially other projects as time permits. Primary duties include assisting with capturing birds, collecting observational data, ground-truthing selected habitats, data entry, equipment maintenance, coordinating volunteers for large captures, assisting veterinarians with surgeries, and other duties as assigned. Experience with rocket nets, bird handling, and banding preferred, but not required. Position will require extensive travel throughout Louisiana’s working wetlands and coastal habitats. Applicant will work long and irregular hours, including nights and weekends (particularly during trapping).

Minimum Qualifications: Applicant must be detail oriented with a keen interest in waterfowl, be highly motivated, and in excellent physical condition. Duties require routinely lifting items in excess of 50 lbs, wading in unconsolidated wetlands, irregular hours, and buggy environments. A valid driver’s license, passing a drug test, and ability to work with minimal supervision in remote areas is required. Knowledge of rice agricultural practices, vegetation identification, GIS experience, and ability to communicate with landowners, farmers, and hunters is preferred.

Questions: Paul Link: plink@wlf.la.gov / 225-405-8474.

How to apply: Submit an electronic letter of interest, resume, and at least 3 references to: plink@wlf.la.gov