WHM Technician (Environmental Technician) (8 Positions)

Salary
$27,852.00 - $35,928.00 Annually

Location
Thurston County – Lacey, WA

Job Type
Project (limited duration)

Department
Dept. of Ecology

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Description

Keeping Washington Clean and Evergreen
Protecting Washington State's environment for current and future generations is what we do every day at Ecology. We are a culture that is invested in making a difference. If you want to join a team that is highly effective, collaborative, has leadership that embraces the value of people, and believes in the fun factor, Ecology is a good fit.

The Environmental Assessment Program (EAP) program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill EIGHT Watershed Health Monitoring (WHM) and Intensively Monitored Watershed (IMW) Technician (Environmental Technician) positions. The positions will start between April 1 and June 16th and will receive training in our Headquarters office in Lacey, WA.

The positions will be located in Lacey but will work primarily in the Upper Columbia River Region or Southwest Washington from April 1st/June 16th – October 30th. Travel and lodging will be reimbursed by the Department of Ecology.

The positions give you the opportunity to use what you've learned in school and apply it to environmental sampling techniques. Some of the key work activities include: Biological monitoring, water quality sampling, chemical sampling, and using different types of monitoring equipment. The information that you collect helps to assess the health of the watershed. The data is used to help develop a plan to improve watershed health.

We are looking for applicants who are motivated, adaptable, team-oriented, dedicated and who have a desire to gain experience in environmental sampling.

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Duties
Please Note: The EIGHT positions are temporary and will end by October 30, 2017.

The positions assist the Environmental Assessment Program staff with field data collection in two program areas: 1) the Watershed Health Monitoring (WHM) Program and 2) the Intensively Monitored Watershed (IMW) Program.

Under the direction of a field lead, typical duties include:

- Responsible for field equipment maintenance and organization, including calibration of Hach multi-probe.
- Reads QAPP/QAMP, SOPs, and other required protocols within the first two weeks in order to successfully assist in conducting all the field data collection events below.
- Assists with water quality sample collection.
- Helps with habitat surveys.
- Assists with benthic macroinvertebrate sampling.
- Helps identify fish assemblage, and assists with boat operation duties.
- Helps with quality assurance review of environmental data.
- Participates in unit, section, and program meetings as appropriate.
- Attends and stays current on required trainings, especially safety trainings.

In addition to the above, the Environmental Technicians will provide support to the technical operations of the WHM and IMW Programs by performing the following duties:

- Provide initial review of the raw data recorded in the field for completeness and overall quality.
- Suggest refining data collection methods.
- Assist with field work preparation every week before the scheduled sampling.

Please note the positions will start between April 1 and June 16, 2017. Training
will occur in Lacey, WA. From April 1st/July 1st – October 30th, the positions will be located in Lacey but work primarily in the Upper Columbia River Region (WHM) and Southwest Washington (IMW). Travel and lodging will be reimbursed by the Department of Ecology. The schedule will be 10 hour shifts, work 8 days in a row and have 6 days off (WHM); and 10 hour shifts, work 4 days per week (IMW).

Qualifications

**Required Qualifications:**

Graduation from high school or GED equivalent.

AND

Two (2) years of technical or clerical (level 3) experience such as performing the duties as an Office Assistant 3 in an environmental agency or an office.

College-level course work in environmental, physical or natural sciences, or closely related field may be substituted, year for year, for the required experience.

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Experience operating boats and related equipment.
- Experience collecting water quality samples and operating aquatic sampling equipment.
- The following is a list of some of the office machines, equipment, tools, motor vehicles that are used on the job: Computer, telephone, copy machine, network printer, facsimile machine, valid United States driver's license, continuous data monitors, field meters, operate boats, database software, spreadsheet software, word processing software, statistics software, van/vehicle; Habitat measures (leveling rod, measuring tape, canopy densiometer, clinometer, compass; hand level, flow meter); Chemistry measures (Hydrolab minisonde); and GPS.

Supplemental Information

**Application Instructions:**
Please include the following documents as an attachment to your application:

- A cover letter describing how your experience, skills and abilities meet the required qualifications of this position.
- A resume outlining your professional experience.

Please complete the applicant profile when applying for this position. Or, you may paste the text of your resume within the profile’s resume text field.

Please read the supplemental questions carefully and answer completely. Incomplete responses, including “please see resume” may disqualify you from further consideration.

Department of Ecology employees, please make sure to answer the agency-wide questions regarding permanent status as a classified employee within the Washington General Service or Washington Management Service. Do not forget to select Department of Ecology as a response to question 2, and type your personnel ID number for question 3. If you are not sure of your status or do not know your personnel ID number, please contact Human Resources at (360) 407-6186.

If you are reading this announcement in print format, please visit www.careers.wa.gov to access the online recruitment system. Click on "Look for Jobs" and select Dept. of Ecology under the "Department" search list. Click "Apply Search."

Other Information:

If you need assistance applying for this job, please call Human Resources at (360) 407-6186 or e-mail careers@ecy.wa.gov. Please do not call this number or send an email to this address to follow-up the status of your application. You can view the latest status of your application on your profile’s main page.

If you have specific questions about the position, please email George Onwumere at: george.onwumere@ecy.wa.gov. Please do not contact George to inquire about the status of your application.

The act of submitting application materials electronically is considered affirmation that the information is complete and truthful. The state may verify this information and any untruthful or misleading answers are cause for rejection of your application or dismissal if employed.

This position is included in the Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE)
union bargaining unit for the Department of Ecology. All employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with the WFSE will, as a condition of employment, either become members of the WFSE and pay membership dues or, as non-members, pay a representation fee as described in the CBA, no later than the 30th day following the effective date of this CBA or the beginning of their employment.

The Washington State Department of Ecology is an equal opportunity employer. We strive to create a working environment that includes and respects cultural, racial, ethnic, sexual orientation and gender identity diversity. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, persons of disability, persons over 40 years of age, veterans or people with military status, and people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are encouraged to apply. Persons needing accommodation in the application/testing process or this job announcement in an alternative format may call (360) 407-6186. Applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing may call the Washington Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6388.