5 Technicians Needed

Job Classification: Academic Hourly

Title: Wetland Bird Research Technician (Grant supported, hourly position)

Agency: Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS), Prairie Research Institute (PRI), University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC).

Location: Forbes Biological Station, Havana, IL (http://www.bellrose.org/)

Project Description: We are hiring 5 technicians to start in August 2021 at Forbes Biological Station. The successful applicants will work on several ongoing research projects including the estimation of true metabolizable energy of waterfowl by working with captive waterfowl, as well as capturing Mallards in the wild, and the trapping and tagging of fall migrating Sora and Virginia Rails.

Primary True Metabolizable Energy duties will include general husbandry, collecting and preparing plant material, conducting feeding trials, bomb calorimetry, and other laboratory processing. Primary Rail duties will include checking traps, maintaining traps and telemetry towers, banding and tagging individual birds. Additionally, technician may assist with a diverse array of ongoing waterfowl and wetland related projects, and other duties as assigned. The incumbent will work closely with graduate students and INHS staff.

Qualifications: Applicants should possess a bachelor’s degree in wildlife science, natural resources, ecology, or a related field. Candidates must contribute to a positive work environment, be able to work in waders, and generally endure the physical demands of field work during fall, and winter in the Midwest. Preferred candidates will have experience handling and capturing Sora and Virginia Rail, and/or working with waterfowl in captivity. Those with limited experience, but a desire to learn and work as a member of the team are still encouraged to apply. Self-motivation, good communication skills, and ability to work effectively within a team and independently are critical personality traits for the incumbent.

Compensation: $14/hour, working at least 40 hours per week. Housing is available onsite for a reduced rate (~$200/month).

Duration: 2 positions will be August – mid November with some flexibility on either end. 3 of them will be August 2021 – April 2022 with some flexibility as well.

Application: To ensure full consideration, applications should be received by July 1, 2021, but review of applications will begin immediately. To apply, please send cover letter detailing skills and experience, resume, and the names and contact information of three references to Auriel Fournier: auriel@illinois.edu (Be sure to reference Fall Forbes Tech in the subject line).

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