Seasonal Biological Technician

Iowa State University

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Closing date: Friday, January 17, 2020 by 5PM

Seasonal biological technicians are needed to help with Iowa’s Multiple Species Inventory and Monitoring (MSIM) program. Applicants will work as part of a research and monitoring team to collect information on birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects, and mussels on public lands throughout Iowa. Specific job duties include (but are not limited to) bird surveys using visual and auditory cues, identifying, handling, and marking small mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and fish, maintaining a variety of traps for small mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and fish, conducting surveys for and handling butterflies and odonates, identifying and measuring plant species, data entry, and assisting with other tasks as needed. Field work for all positions will be conducted throughout the state of Iowa with significant travel and some overnight travel a possibility. Applicants must have the physical ability to work long hours outdoors, walk long distances, carry field equipment in rough terrain, and wade through water.

Positions are temporary, full-time (maximum of 40 hours/week) from approximately 25 March to 15 October 2020, but we will also consider positions from approximately 15 May to 15 August 2020. Salary is $10-12/hr dependent on qualifications and experience. No overtime will be provided. Vehicles will be provided for work-related travel. Housing will not be provided.

Applicants should be graduated from, currently enrolled in, or on break between semesters of college with a degree in (or pursuing a degree in) wildlife ecology, biology, or a closely related natural resource field. Qualified applicants must be able to work independently or as part of a team, have a strong work ethic, be able to travel overnight for work-related duties, and be able to work during diverse weather conditions and on weekends, holidays, nights, and evenings as required. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid driver’s license, and pass an ISU motor vehicle check to be able to drive a state vehicle. Preferred qualifications include possessing a B.S. degree in wildlife ecology, biology or a related field, and experience with at least one taxonomic group (mammals, birds, herptiles, fish, mussels, odonates, butterflies, or plants).

To apply please submit as a single document a cover letter, resume/CV, and contact information for three references to isu.msim@gmail.com by 5 PM on 18 January 2020.