Morphology and Feeding Efficiency Between Wild and Game Farm Mallards
Research Technician: Havana, Illinois

Agency
SUNY ESF, Forbes Biological Station

Location
Havana, Illinois

Job Category
Temporary/Seasonal Positions

Salary
$15/hr

Last Date to Apply
03/19/2021

Description
We are seeking qualified applicants interested in waterfowl science and ecology to assist with an NSF funded study on the Morphology and Feeding Efficiency of Wild and Game Farm Mallards. Primary responsibilities include assisting with handling live mallards, conducting feeding trials, preparing and cleaning pens, and reviewing feeding trial videos. The research assistant also will be responsible for recording detailed observations and data in the field, data entry and management, and maintenance of equipment.

Qualifications
This is a temporary, hourly position (approx. 40 hrs/week) that will include regular early morning and weekends. The position will require working with live animals, carrying equipment, data entry, and tolerating exposure to variable and sometimes adverse weather and environmental conditions (mud, wind, rain, heat, biting insects). Applicants should be undergraduate students with a desire to gain field research experience. Opportunities for internship credit or development of an Honors project are possible, pending agreements with the individuals home institution. Previous experience with animal husbandry, following protocols, and collecting detailed data is preferred. The position is approximately 14 weeks, May-August, with some flexibility for start and end dates. Candidates should be available for the duration of the position (~mid-May to late-
August). Housing is provided in Havana, IL near Forbes Biological Station. A personal vehicle is required. Please send 1) cover letter detailing interest, qualifications, and availability 2) CV, and 3) three professional references to Susannah Halligan, slhallig@syr.edu and Dr. Michael Schummer, mlschumm@esf.edu. Please include “Mallard Morphology and Feeding Efficiency Research Technician” in the subject line. Applications will be reviewed as received and should be submitted no later than 19 March 2021; the position may be filled prior to the closing date by a qualified candidate. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information or any other status protected by law or regulation. It is our intention that all qualified applicants be given equal opportunity and that selection decisions are based on job-related factors.

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