Natural Resources Aide—Environmental Monitoring Field Technician

**Position:** Environmental Monitoring Field Technician with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to assist with water quality and biological sampling. Position will be based in Des Moines, IA, with travel statewide. Start date is somewhat flexible, but is expected to begin in April - early May and continue through early October.

**Job Description:** The principle duty of this position will be to assist IDNR staff with field monitoring activities, including lake water quality sampling, sediment and soil sampling, maintenance of continuous monitoring equipment, stream habitat surveys, stream invertebrate sampling and fish surveys (electro shocking). Other duties will include data compilation and limited GIS data processing. Position is 40 hours per week, but field days may extend beyond 8 hours per day and work schedule may fluctuate throughout the season. Final schedule would be coordinated upon selection and may involve extensive travel and long hours in the field. Work schedule may periodically involve overnight travel. Lodging costs and meal expenses for overnight stays while traveling for work will be reimbursed by the DNR. The position pays $13/hr.

**Qualifications:** Coursework in biology, fisheries, environmental sciences, or related field is recommended. This position requires the ability to lift 50 pounds and perform physical labor, outdoors, in any type of weather and/or on rugged terrain. Candidate must have a valid driver’s license, have the ability to operate a motor vehicle with a trailer and should also be able to operate an outboard motorboat. Candidate will follow all rules, policies and procedures of the department. Position requires regular attendance, ability to work evenings and weekends when scheduled, or when called upon to do so. Position may require overnight travel when necessary to accomplish the objectives of the research team. The position requires ability to use PC based software at a moderate level (i.e., Word, Excel, Access, Arc Map and various Internet-based programs).

**Deadline for application:** February 3rd, 2020
**Interested applicants can mail, email, or fax resume and references to:**

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