Successful applicants will assist with capture and telemetry of radio-marked wood ducks in LaGrange Pool of the Illinois River. Primary duties will include maintaining bait sites, trapping (confusion traps), rocket netting, 24-hr surveillance of marked ducks, and recovery of mortalities. Additionally, technicians may assist with a diverse array of ongoing waterfowl and wetland related projects, possibly including, waterbird surveys, trap fabrication for wetland birds (e.g., rails), cover mapping wetland vegetation, true metabolizable energy trials of teal, captive duck husbandry, double observer counts of shorebird flocks, and other duties as assigned. The incumbents 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 have a strong work ethic, contribute to a positive work environment, be able lift 50 lbs., work in waders for extended periods, work nights and weekends during field season, and generally endure the physical demands of field work during fall, and early winter in the Midwest. Ability to follow written protocols pertaining to the use of laboratory equipment, ability to identify unknown wetland vegetation using plant characteristics and an identification key. Preferred candidates will have experience in handling and capturing waterfowl, VHF telemetry by truck mounted and hand-held antennas, identifying wetland vegetation, and operating ATVs and boats. Self-motivation, a passion for research, and ability to work effectively within a team and independently are critical personality traits for the incumbent. Must have a valid driver’s license.

**Wage:** $10/hour, working at least 40 hours per week, overtime (time and a half) after 40 hrs. Housing (bunkhouse) is available onsite at a reasonable rate (~$200/month).

**Duration of Appointment:** Approximately August 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019 with possible extensions pending projects and funding.

**Application:** To ensure full consideration, applications should be received by July 26th, 2019, but review of applications will begin immediately. To apply, please send cover letter detailing skills and experience, resume, and names and contact information of three references to Aaron Yetter at ayetter@illinois.edu (Be sure to reference Wood Duck Tech in the subject line). Contact Aaron Yetter, 217-332-3825, for additional information.

The University of Illinois conducts criminal background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer.

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