



**MISSOURI
COOPERATIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE
RESEARCH UNIT**

Cold Water Fisheries Technicians (3)

**MO Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit
University of Missouri**

Location: University of Missouri, School of Natural Resources, Columbia, Missouri

Pay Rate: \$16.50/hour **Hours:** 40 hours/week

Start Date: Mid-May/Early June, start date flexible

End Date: September with possible extension, students that need to leave for school are welcome

Duties: Assist MU researchers from the MO Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit in collecting fish community, habitat, and aquatic plant data in wadable cold-water streams and rivers across the state of Missouri. Sampling will include, but is not limited to electrofishing, seining, and various riparian area sampling protocols. Researchers and technicians will work together to survey fish communities in a dozen or more different cold water stream systems, primarily in the Ozark Region. Macroinvertebrate collection will occur in the fall. Applicants will need to be available for regular overnight traveling, hotel and food provided.

Applicants are expected to be willing to learn and identify MO Ozark fish species, work as part of a team, and hike through various aquatic and terrestrial environments carrying equipment regularly. Time not in the field will be dedicated to maintaining equipment and data entry.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Interest in learning fisheries and aquatic plant identification
- Experience sampling lotic habitats
- Experience sampling and identifying fish species
- Regular overnight travel availability (4 days in the field, 1 day in office)
- Collaborative communication skills

To Apply: Send a resume and references in one PDF, titled “2025 Fisheries Technician Application” to:

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Cold Water Research Specialist

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Application Deadline: March 2nd 2026