Hellbender Undergraduate Husbandry Technician

Undergraduate Husbandry Technicians are stationed at the Aquaculture Research Lab and Wildlife Ecology Research Facility. This position's main task is to assist the Hellbender Lab Coordinator with daily care of the Hellbenders that are part of Purdue University's head-starting program. Technicians are to follow Purdue Animal Care and Use Committee guidelines and obtain a Q-number.

Tasks will include:

- Daily animal and system checks
- Prepping food for Hellbenders including frozen food (bloodworms, lake smelt, and mysis shrimp) and live food (fathead minnows and crayfish)
- Feeding Hellbenders
- Care of Hellbender larvae and juveniles
- Care of live minnows and crayfish (if applicable)
- Cleaning of various aquaculture systems housing Hellbenders
- Assist with construction and repair of aquatic systems
- Assist with measuring and weighing of Hellbenders
- Assist researchers with experiments
- Mandatory weekend checks of hellbenders
- Providing a prompt shift report to the supervisor after unsupervised work

Typical work is 10-15 during the school year and up to 40 hours per week in the summer, some weeks may require more. The position starts in March ideally through the summer with possible extension of position (part time) into the fall with satisfactory performance. This position does include mandatory weekend rotations to check on hellbenders and systems. Some work will be unsupervised and will require a report of the completed and uncompleted tasks. Qualifications:

- Reliable transportation and drivers license. The labs are off campus and not near a bus line
- Critical Thinking and problem-solving skills
- Must have attention to detail
- Knowledge of aquatic systems is preferred but not required
- Prior animal handling and husbandry experience is preferred
- Must be comfortable working in smaller work spaces
- Ability to bend, crouch and lift up to 30 lbs

$15/hour

Please send resumes and cover letters to:

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