

Wildlife Lab Technician(s)

Wildlife Ecology Institute
Manhattan, Kansas, United State

Description

Organization: Wildlife Ecology Institute, Helena, MT

Work Location: Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Position: Wildlife Lab Technicians (1–2 positions)

Duration: See descriptions

Hours: See descriptions

Salary: See descriptions

Last Date to Apply: 4 April 2025 (or until filled)

Website: www.wildlifeecology.org

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Wildlife Ecology Institute has 1–2 limited-duration part-time employment opportunities for Laboratory Technicians for Phase II of our Great Lakes Basin Muskrat Research Project (https://www.wildlifeecology.org/muskrat_gl2.html), which includes an evaluation of wetland conditions and their relationship with demographics, reproduction, and health of muskrat populations. Our project partners include Kansas State University, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Sault Saint Marie Tribe of the Chippewa, Keweenaw Indian Bay Community, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and others.

Lab work will be conducted at facilities on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. Duties include processing muskrat and mink carcasses and recording sex and reproductive history, parasite counts, tissue-sample collection, and other general health measures. Successful applicants will also work with other personnel on campus to coordinate subsequent assessments of body condition. All work will be conducted indoors in a laboratory setting.

Technicians must have a valid driver's license, a clean driving record, and proof of insurance. Applicants must be legally able to work in the United States.

Pay rate is \$16.50–21.00/hr, depending on experience. Duration of employment will be approximately 3–6 months, although extension may be possible. Work days and hours are flexible, and can generally be set to accommodate nontraditional schedules for work (e.g., nights or weekends). Start date is somewhat flexible, but ideally during May or early June 2025.

Requirements

Qualifications:

Applicants that have earned, or are enrolled toward, a B.S. in wildlife, biology, animal sciences, veterinarian medicine, or a closely related field are encouraged to apply. Candidates must possess strong organizational and communication skills and have a high level of attention to detail. Preference will be given to applicants with relevant necropsy experience, but we are willing to train. No health insurance or other benefits are included with these positions. Background checks will be conducted prior to any offers of employment.

Wildlife Ecology Institute, Helena, MT, is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt research organization that focuses on bridging the disconnect between research and management. We work across the U.S. on a diverse range of species, and typically in collaboration with state, tribal, and federal agency partners. One of our goals is to train future wildlife professionals, and we strive to provide high-quality training and experiences to help meet that goal, including post-employment.

To Apply:

Application materials must include:

- 1) A brief cover letter that includes a description of your career goals and relevant qualifications.

- 2) A curriculum vitae.
- 3) Contact information for at least three professional references.

Questions about this position can be directed to Tim Hiller (tim.hiller@wildlifeecology.org), Executive Director, Wildlife Ecology Institute and Adam Ahlers, Kansas State University (aahlers2@ksu.edu). Please submit your application materials (only as a single PDF with filename formatted as *LastnameFirstname_Application*) only via email and with the subject line, "Application for Lab Technician Position," and only to Tim Hiller (tim.hiller@wildlifeecology.org). The deadline for applying is **12:00 pm (midnight) Mountain, Friday, 4 April 2025**.