

**Aquatic Field Technician (Hourly)**  
**Illinois Natural History Survey**  
**Prairie Research Institute**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

Field technicians (4) needed to conduct applied research in aquatic ecology and large river systems throughout the state of Illinois. Technician will assist large river ecologists in the collection of standardized long-term river monitoring data with additional targeted data collection. **This position will be 40 hours per week and will be located in Oglesby, Illinois at Starved Rock State Park.**

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Must have or be in the process of working toward a bachelor's degree in aquatic ecology, biology, zoology or a biological related field. Must demonstrate a working knowledge of, and ability to collect, biological data such as fisheries and water quality in a large river system. Understanding and experience with standardized long-term monitoring sampling protocols is preferred. Experience using large boats, outboard motors, trailers, four-wheel drive vehicles and maintaining field equipment is also preferred. Candidate will participate in boat electrofishing, fyke netting, hoop netting and other appropriate gear types as well as be expected to perform field station maintenance duties and laboratory work when needed. This position requires significant physical exertion (including carrying 50 or more pounds of gear), commitment to safety, and meticulous data recording. The individual must have a boating license or have the ability to obtain an approved boating safety course once employed. The individual must have a valid driver's license, a strong ability to swim, and must be able to work long days in extreme weather conditions.

**Salary:** \$16.00-\$18.00 per hour, depending on experience.

**Available:** Four technicians needed June 2nd—October 31st, 2025, with potential extension to December 2025. Start date can be adjusted depending on candidates' availability.

**To Apply:** Email cover letter, resume/CV, and contact information for three professional references to Andrew Mathis at [mathis5@illinois.edu](mailto:mathis5@illinois.edu) (Reference "Starved Rock Field Tech" in subject line). For full consideration, applications should be received by **February 28th, 2025**, but the interview process will begin as applications are received.

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