

## **HIRING 4 FISHERIES TECHNICIANS**

The USGS Great Lakes Science Center's Tunison Laboratory of Aquatic Science (Cortland, NY) and Lake Ontario Biological Stations (Oswego, NY) are hiring up to four full-time (40 hours/week), 12-month Student Contractor positions to assist with fisheries research. We are looking for recently graduated (within the last 12-months) individuals who are excited to work collaboratively as part of a team. These are excellent positions for individuals looking to diversify their research experience prior to graduate school or beginning their career.

The pay rate is \$20.81/hour for candidates with a bachelor's degree, and \$31.52/hour for those with a master's degree. The start date is February 2026, but other start dates will be considered. These 12-month positions could be extended for an additional year depending on funding (2 years maximum).

Fish Experimentation Positions, BS/MS (Tunison Laboratory of Aquatic Science in Cortland, NY):

- These positions will primarily work in a facility conducting experiments with live fish.
- Daily live fish care, data collection and management using innovative lab techniques and field sampling tools, occasional field surveys on research vessels, sample processing, and data entry.
- Contractors will have the opportunity to learn or enhance skills using programs such as R and GIS.
- There will be weekend and night work expected, as well as the possibility of overnight travel.
- Field gear is provided, and travel will be paid for.

Large Research Vessel Position, BA/BS (Lake Ontario Biological Station in Oswego, NY):

- This individual will work as part of a team and support research associated with Lake Ontario surveys conducted on the R/V Kaho (70' vessel) working out of Oswego, NY.
- The position requires living and working aboard a rocking vessel for periods of up to 12 days, lifting 50 pounds, and working in adverse weather conditions during the day and night.
- Laboratory work includes fish age interpretation, data management, video habitat characterization and other sample processing.
- This contractor must pass a no cost pre-employment physical, enroll in a random drug testing program and be able to obtain a passport for work in Canada.
- Field gear is provided, and travel will be paid for.

Information Management Position, BS/MS (Lake Ontario Biological Station in Oswego, NY):

- This individual will work with multiple research teams to collate, manage, and publish data associated with long-term surveys and research projects.

- They will also contribute to ongoing processes that are modernizing field and laboratory data collection and processing.
- This position will also perform reviews of data releases and manuscripts prior to publication.

Applicants should have an interest in taking care of fish in an experimental laboratory facility and assisting with field work aboard small and large vessels. The candidates should be familiar with the scientific process including following methods, recording and managing data, and analyzing results. Experience operating small vessels and fabrication/repair of laboratory equipment is preferred.

To apply, send an email to Eric Bruestle ([ebruestle@usgs.gov](mailto:ebruestle@usgs.gov)) with the subject line “Student Contractor Position” and attach your resume/CV, unofficial transcripts, and cover letter that identifies which position you prefer. We will begin reviewing applications on 12/17/25 and continue until the position is filled.