Biological Science Technician (Field Assistant), GG–0404–05: Michigan

Agency

Great Lakes Science Center, Cheboygan Vessel Base, Cheboygan, MI

Location

Cheboygan, MI

Job Category

Temporary/Seasonal Positions

Website

http://www.glsc.usgs.gov

Salary

$16.10 per hour

Start Date

05/23/2016

Last Date to Apply

04/22/2016

Description

THIS IS A TEMPORARY EXCEPTED SERVICE POSITION for which all qualified applicants, with or without Federal status may apply and be considered. Appointment to this position, however, will not convey permanent status in the Federal service. Appointment will only be for the duration of the position, in this case, 1039 hours or less. Temporary employees are covered by the Social Security Retirement system; annual and sick leave will be accrued; and employees are ineligible for health and life insurance coverage.

Duties: Incumbent will provide research support on ecological studies of fishes from Lake Michigan & Lake Huron ecosystems including: fieldwork on large research vessels using trawls, gill nets, plankton nets, water quality measurement devices, and hydroacoustic sampling gears; laboratory analysis and sample processing for taxonomic identification; fish stomach contents analysis; age estimation; benthic sample sorting; stable isotope sample preparation; data entry; data quality assurance; and assistance with preparation of reports.
Qualifications

Required skills include a general knowledge of processes, methods, and procedures of fisheries and aquatic sciences. The incumbent must have the ability to catalogue and track samples and properly handle and dispose of chemical preservatives. Incumbent should have knowledge of computer spreadsheet operations and entry-level statistical computations in R, or a similar computer program. Incumbent should also have knowledge of light microscopy to examine biological organisms.

Physical Demands: The incumbent will participate as a crewmember on USGS large research vessels. In accordance with USGS Large Vessel Safety Program policies (SM-445-2-H, Chapter 49), the incumbent will be required to: 1) pass a pre-employment medical evaluation and 2) be enrolled in a random drug testing program. Field work on large research vessels is conducted in all weather conditions; therefore, the incumbent must not be prone to debilitating sea sickness. Laboratory work is generally performed indoors seated in front of a microscope or computer.

Relocation: Relocation expenses are not authorized for this position.

Travel: Overnight travel for field work will occur approximately 1 week per month. The incumbent must have a valid current U.S. passport, and must not be under any restrictions for travel to Canada.

How to apply: Carefully read all information and instructions. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the application is completed. The personnel office will not be responsible for soliciting additional information from applicants or from official personnel records, but will consider individuals based on their applications as submitted.

Submit one of the following forms of application: (a) resume and cover letter or (b) other written format. Also, please submit college transcript (unofficial acceptable) or list of college course, specifying title of course work, completion date, semester or quarter hours earned by course title, and grade earned. The names, phone numbers, and addresses of three references are also required.

If claiming 5 point veteran’s preference, a DD-214 showing character of discharge is required. If claiming 10 point veteran’s preference, a SF-15 with proof of claim is required.

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