Herpetological Field Technicians

Employer: Illinois Natural History Survey, a Division of the Prairie Research Institute (PRI), University of Illinois

Location: 2 positions based in southern Illinois – housing provided

Closing Date: 4/30/2016

JOB DESCRIPTION

Herpetological Field Assistant needed for ecological study of Alligator Snapping Turtles (Macrochelys temminckii) in Illinois. Duties will include using radio telemetry to track turtle movements and survival, collecting habitat and environmental data, conducting trapping surveys for turtles, assisting in hematological assessments of turtles, maintaining field equipment, entering data, and possibly assisting in the preparation of reports. The position will involve extensive field work under a variety of environmental conditions (hot, cold, rain, etc.) and biting insects. The ideal applicant will be able to follow instructions with attention to detail, have a strong work ethic, and a positive attitude. Housing at the field station will be provided.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

1) Bachelor's degree in Ecology, Zoology, Natural Resources or related field
2) Valid driver’s license
3) Ability to swim and high comfort level working in and around strong water currents
4) Willingness to work long hours and some weekends
5) Demonstrates a strong interest in herpetological research

Preferred:

1) Previous experience using radio telemetry equipment
2) Capturing, identifying, marking, and measuring turtles
3) Collecting and recording data in the field
4) Comfortable kayaking and canoeing
5) Previous experience with data entry and management

Salary: $11-$12/hour dependent upon qualifications and experience

Available: On or around June 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016

Application instructions: Electronic applications required. To apply, please email cover letter, curriculum vitae or resume, 3 professional references, and unofficial transcripts to: hroffice@inhs.illinois.edu – (Reference “Dreslik AST” in subject line). For HR questions, please contact Erica Hanson, HR Associate,
at elhanson@illinois.edu. For technical questions contact Ethan Kessler (ekessle2@illinois.edu) or Dr. Michael Dreslik (dreslik@illinois.edu).

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