Wildlife Field Technician - West Virginia

DESCRIPTION:

Wildlife technician needed for a field research project studying northern flying squirrel responses to forest management in West Virginia on the Monongahela National Forest. Duties will include establishing trapping grids, checking live-traps, monitoring radio-collared individuals, locating nest trees, conducting vegetation surveys, using acoustic monitors, and deploying remote cameras. Technicians will also assist with data entry and the cleaning and care of field equipment.

The position is temporary and full-time (maximum of 40 hours/week) from approximately 1 April to 19 August. Salary is $12/hr, a vehicle for work-related travel and shared housing in a field cabin will be provided.

QUALIFICATIONS

The applicant must be currently enrolled or have graduated from a college/university with a degree in Wildlife, Forestry, Ecology, or other closely related natural resource science field. Previous experience with wildlife field work is preferred. Qualified applicants must have a strong work ethic, be willing to keep flexible hours (early mornings, late evenings, some weekends), be able to work in adverse weather conditions, navigate difficult terrain, and be willing to work in an area with black bears. Technicians will also be expected to record detailed field notes, follow established protocols, use GPS units and maps to navigate, and input data into an electronic database. Applicants must possess a valid drivers license, a clean driving record, and have experience driving a manual transmission.

Candidates should have strong plant identification skills and experience conducting vegetation surveys. revious experience with small mammal trapping with Tomahawk traps, implanting passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags, radio telemetry, GIS, and Microsoft Excel is preferred.

To apply please submit a single PDF document that includes a cover letter, resume/CV and contact information for three references to Ashley Archer ([archer19@purdue.edu](mailto:archer19@purdue.edu)). Please include “WV Field Technician” in the subject line of the email. Review of applications will begin immediately. Application closing date is Feburary 28or until the position is filled. If you have questions, please email Ashley Archer. Purdue is an EOE/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities and veterans, are encouraged to apply.