

Bat Field Technicians (2): Black Hills, South Dakota

Location: Jewel Cave National Monument, South Dakota

Salary: \$12-14/hr DOE + \$20/day per diem (equivalent to \$14.50-16.50/hr)

Start Date: 6/15/2020

Last Date to Apply: open until filled

Description: I'm seeking 2 full-time field technicians to assist with an ongoing Ph.D. project on cave use by bats at Jewel Cave National Monument. Technicians will work in a two-person team to mist net, handle bats, follow strict handling and decontamination protocols, and manage biological samples.

A field vehicle will be provided. Work will take place from roughly 6/15/20 to 9/15/20. The work schedule is flexible (technicians can determine whether the base schedule is 10 on/4 off, standard workweek, etc). Technicians will be required to have pre-exposure rabies vaccination series (3 shots over 6 weeks) prior to starting. We can reimburse for vaccinations or boosters. Housing or a housing allowance will be provided.

General responsibilities include:

- Bat capture using mist nets and harp traps
- Bat handling
- PIT tag insertion
- Field vehicle operation
- Working outside at night, sometimes in bad weather (storms, cold, etc.)

Basic Qualifications:

- Willingness and ability to work long nights safely and without complaint
- Ability to work well with others
- Ability to communicate well with field team, supervisor, collaborators, and public
- Flexibility and willingness to adapt to schedule changes
- US Driver's License

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bat identification experience (ideally in the western United States)
- Mist net experience
- Experience inserting PIT tags into small animals
- Experience using handheld GPS units and reading maps
- First aid experience/certification
- Pre-exposure rabies vaccination

Previous bat mist net experience highly preferred, and mandatory for lead technician. Lead technician must have previous experience handling northern long-eared bats.

Send a 1-page (single-spaced) cover letter explaining your interest in the position and qualifications along with a CV and contact information for at least three references in a single PDF document to Jesse Alston at jalston@uwyo.edu. Applicants will be considered as they are received until the positions are filled.