

Job Title: Deer/Predator Research Technician

Agency: Purdue University, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

Location: West Lafayette, Indiana

Job Category: Full-Time Temporary

Salary: \$12/hour

Duration: May 11 – Oct 30, 2020

Last Date to Apply: March 20

Description: The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources is seeking one (1) technician to assist with the Integrated Deer Management Project. The successful applicant will work with Purdue University faculty, staff, and students to study deer populations in Indiana. Technician duties include, but are not limited to, processing of remote camera photos to identify and measure distances to deer, supervising a team of undergraduates in photo processing, retrieving carnivore hair/fecal samples collected by field crews, and preparing samples for genetic analysis. This is a full-time position split between office and field work. There will be frequent travel across Indiana for the duration of the position. Shared housing and a work vehicle will be provided.

The Integrated Deer Management Project (IDMP) is a multi-year research project undertaken by the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University in partnership with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The overall goal of the IDMP is the development of an integrated model of deer management that incorporates the biological, ecological, and sociological factors related to deer management. The IDMP seeks to combine information on deer populations, current deer habitat, and people's attitudes and expectations about deer populations for improved understanding and management of deer in Indiana.

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree with coursework in Wildlife Biology, Forestry, or a related field
- Knowledge and ability to use basic wildlife research tools and field and laboratory equipment
- Ability to accurately record scientific data
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team and individually
- Ability to work a flexible schedule, with potential weekend work
- Valid U.S. driver's license and the ability to drive University vehicles

Preferred Qualifications:

- Prior experience in:
 - wildlife identification
 - remote camera surveys
 - collection and handling of genetic samples
 - supervision of students or technicians

To Apply: Send a single PDF document containing a brief cover letter (≤ 1 page), resume, and contact information for at least two references to Patrick McGovern at pmcgove@purdue.edu. Save the file as "Lastname_Deer_Tech.pdf" (e.g., McGovern_Deer_Tech.pdf). **Applications that do not follow this format will not be considered.**

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