



Research Technician: White-tailed Deer Contact Behavior

Description:

The Boone and Crockett Quantitative Wildlife Center at Michigan State University seeks 2 research technicians to assist in the first field season of a study designed to evaluate white-tailed deer contact behavior in central Michigan. Research technicians will contact local landowners to gain access to private property, record behaviors of deer through direct observations and use of cameras and IR drones, measure deer feces accumulation, and conduct distance sampling to estimate deer densities. Work will be conducted day and night in extreme winter weather conditions.

These full-time, temporary positions (40 hours/week) will provide technicians with the opportunity to interact with a collaborative team of researchers at Michigan State University and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. A field vehicle will be provided.

Qualifications:

Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in wildlife biology, ecology, or a related field. Preference will be given to candidates with excellent communications skills and experience collecting field data under extreme winter weather conditions. Technicians must have a strong work ethic, be self-motivated, open to various viewpoints on deer management, and capable of working in a team. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and a good driving record.

Salary and State Date:

Hourly wage will depend on experience (minimum \$14/hour). Start date is early January 2021 and work will continue through the end of April 2021. An earlier start date may be possible.

Application Instructions:

For more information about this position, contact Dr. David Williams (dmwill@msu.edu).

Application must include a cover letter, CV, and a list of three professional references. Submit applications to Dr. Rose Stewart (stewa684@msu.edu), with the subject line "Deer Behavior Technician". A single PDF file is preferred. Please save the file in the following format: your last name_your first name_2020 (e.g., Leopold_Aldo_2020). Review of applications will begin September 21, 2020. Application must be received no later than October 5, 2020.