

Biological Science Technician (Field Assistant)

USGS Great Lakes Science Center, Lake Erie Biological Station

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Job Description:

THIS IS A TEMPORARY EXCEPTED SERVICE POSITION for which all qualified applicants, with or without Federal status may apply and be considered. Appointment to this position, however, will not convey permanent status in the Federal service. Appointment will only be for the duration of the position, in this case, 1039 hours or less. During the first year of employment, this appointment also provides 120 paid training days in addition to the 1039 hour limitation. If all time restrictions are met, the incumbent may be reinstated to the same position after the anniversary of the start date. Temporary employees are covered by the Social Security Retirement system; annual and sick leave will be accrued; and employees are ineligible for health and life insurance coverage.

Incumbent will provide research support on studies examining Grass Carp reproduction and early life history in the Great Lakes basin including: fieldwork on small research vessels; sampling of fish eggs and larvae using ichthyoplankton nets; laboratory analysis and sample processing; equipment preparation and maintenance; data entry; and data quality assurance. The incumbent would be expected to be available during the period May–August 2023.

Salary: Commensurate with experience (\$15.93 per hour minimum)

Qualifications:

Education and experience requirements by grade level are defined in the official job announcement (provided upon request). Required skills include a general knowledge of processes, methods, and procedures of fisheries and aquatic sciences. The incumbent must have the ability to catalogue and track samples and properly handle and dispose of chemical preservatives. Incumbent should have knowledge of computer spreadsheet operations. Incumbent should also have knowledge of light microscopy to examine biological organisms.

Physical Demands: The incumbent will participate in field sampling on a small research vessel and should be able to lift up to 50 lbs. Field work is conducted on Great Lakes tributaries in all weather conditions; therefore, the incumbent could be exposed to extreme weather conditions, including cold, heat, or rain. Laboratory work is generally performed indoors seated or standing at a microscope or computer.

Travel: Overnight travel for field work may occur approximately 1 week per month.

How to Apply: Please email the Contact Person for the official job announcement. To apply, applicants should follow the instructions in the official announcement.

Start Date: May 2023; Application Deadline: 22 February 2023

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