

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Zoology Seasonal Field Technician (Up to 10 positions)
Position Number: #928178
Supervisor(s): Ashley Adkins and Yu Man Lee
Location: Various locations throughout Michigan.
Salary Range: \$16-19 per hour, commensurate with training and experience. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.
Application Deadline: 15 February 2024 (may be extended if needed)
Term of Employment: Approximately April – late July/August 2024, depending on position/project; possible extension into September pending available funding.
Minimum Qualifications: ≥ 3 years study toward B.S. in wildlife biology, zoology, natural resource management, or closely related field.

Description of Position and Duties: Up to 10 field technicians will be hired to conduct field work in support of various MNFI research, monitoring, and inventory projects. Working closely with the principal investigators, technicians will plan field activities, conduct surveys, and ensure accurate data collection. Duties will include evaluating potential sampling sites; conducting surveys for rare animal species; handling, measuring, and marking animals; collecting blood samples; recording vegetation and habitat characteristics; cleaning and maintaining equipment; processing specimens; and entering and compiling data in the field/office. Positions will focus primarily on surveys for rare amphibians and reptiles, with target group/species depending on position and projects, but will include surveys for Blanding’s turtles, spotted turtles, wood turtles, eastern massasaugas, and/or other herp species of conservation concern. Some positions also will include assisting with surveys for rare butterfly and freshwater mussel species. Field sampling will regularly require long hours and flexible work schedules under adverse working conditions (e.g., hot and humid weather, long and difficult hikes in wetlands, and biting insects). A valid driver's license, travel to study sites throughout Michigan, ability to stay overnight in hotels or campgrounds for up to a week at a time, use of a personal vehicle (mileage reimbursed at standard rate), and work over some holidays and/or weekends will be required. Desired qualifications: familiarity with Michigan and/or Midwestern ecosystems; experience conducting reptile and amphibian surveys including handling and marking live animals; experience conducting butterfly and/or freshwater mussel surveys; ability to identify common Michigan plant species; ability to navigate in the field via map, compass, and GPS; comfortable using watercrafts (kayaks, canoes, small boats) if needed; proficiency in use of technology (e.g., web research, Zoom, Qualtrics, Microsoft Teams, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, distance technology, etc.); a strong work ethic, attention to detail, and willingness to learn; ability to work independently and as part of a team in remote areas; ability to adapt and problem solve; effective oral and written communication skills; understanding of and ability to implement Civil Rights principles and compliance standards; and other skills and/or physical abilities required to perform duties of the position.

Application Procedure: Please apply for the position through the following link - [MSU Careers Details - Extension Program Worker/ Zoology Seasonal Field Technician](#). Please include a cover letter, resume, and three professional references. Please include the position number on all materials and **start and end dates for which you would be available to work** in your cover letter.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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