

Position: Biological Science Technicians (Wildlife, snakes)

Agency: USGS Western Ecological Research Center

Location: Dixon, California

Description: The USGS Western Ecological Research Center is seeking to fill multiple positions for Biological Science Technicians to conduct Giant Gartersnake (*Thamnophis gigas*) field studies at several sites in the Sacramento Valley, California. Primary duties include aquatic trapping to capture snakes for demographic and occupancy studies, and habitat and vegetation surveys. Summer weather in the Sacramento Valley is sunny and hot, with average daytime temperatures in the 90s F with many days well over 100 F. Technicians will meet at the Dixon field station office each day, but field work is conducted throughout the Sacramento Valley on private, USFWS, and NGO properties. Housing is not provided.

Qualifications: B.S. degree in biology, wildlife management, or a related field is required. Prior field research experience preferred. Valid driver's license required. Experience driving large 4x4 trucks on dirt roads preferred. Experience operating motor boats a plus. Successful applicants must possess the ability to hike moderate distances in waders and kayak while carrying equipment, often in hot or otherwise inclement weather. Hours can be irregular and long. Must be willing to work weekends. These positions are physically demanding. Must be able to record and maintain data in field notebooks and electronic databases (iPhone). Ability to work independently and as part of a team while maintaining good communication with the field supervisor is essential.

The expected start date is 19 March or 2 April 2018. The end date is approximately 30 September 2018.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 references *in a single document* saved with your last name as the file name to jersan@usgs.gov with "Snake Technician" in the subject line.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience; typically \$19.32/hr (GG-05).

Last Date to Apply: 16 January 2018

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