

Flatwoods Salamander Technician(s) – Florida

Salary: \$15/hr, 40 hrs/week

Last Date to Apply: 08/24/18

Description and Duties:

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) is hiring four seasonal technicians to assist with ongoing projects focusing on the conservation of the Federally Threatened Frosted Flatwoods Salamander (*Ambystoma cingulatum*) in the Apalachicola National Forest (Liberty County, FL). Two 24-week positions will start Oct 1, 2018 and two 24-week positions will start Dec 7, 2018. Selected applicants will be assisting FWC biologists with constructing and monitoring driftences, headstarting larvae, and conducting larval dipnet surveys. Primary responsibilities will involve the maintenance of aquatic "cattle tank" mesocosms housing larval salamanders. This includes monitoring water quality variables, raising and collecting invertebrate prey, and conducting regular nighttime larval welfare checks. Primary field duties will include daily drift fence checks, salamander egg searches, and searches for larvae. Additional duties may include assisting with annual larval dipnet surveys, collecting associated field data, and entering data into a database.

Qualifications:

Applicants should have a minimum of Bachelor's degree in biology, ecology, or related field. They must have field experience and be comfortable working outside for long periods during non-standard hours and in inclement conditions. Applicants should be in good physical condition and comfortable walking long distances in the woods or wading in shallow water. They should be familiar with the identification, collection, and handling of reptiles and amphibians, preferably in the southeastern US. Additional qualifications: familiarity with 4x4 operation, GPS navigation, field data collection, and data entry (i.e. Microsoft Excel), an ability to maintain good working relationships with others in the office and field. Applicants must possess a valid US driver's license.

How to apply:

Please submit a **single document** (MS word or PDF) containing: 1) Cover letter 2) Resume/CV 3) Minimum of 2 professional references. The one-page cover letter should explain qualifications, relevant experience, and the preferred start date (Oct or Dec). Applications and inquiries should be sent to Pierson Hill (Pierson.Hill@myfwc.com) with the subject line "Salamander Technician".

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