

Title: Amphibian/reptile Technician

Agency: Virginia Tech

Location: Eglin Air Force Base, Niceville, FL

Job Description:

Candidate will work with Virginia Tech to assist with research, monitoring, and management of reticulated flatwoods salamander, gopher tortoise, and other wildlife on Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Position will require working a combination of days/nights in potentially adverse conditions (high heat, cold rain, wind). Responsibilities will include monitoring drift fences and conducting dipnet surveys for flatwoods salamanders, restoration work in federally endangered reticulated flatwoods salamander breeding ponds, rearing flatwoods salamander larvae in cattle tanks, conducting tortoise burrow surveys, setting and monitoring camera traps at gopher tortoise burrows, photo processing, telemetry work with radio tagged gopher tortoises, and data entry/proofing. Candidate must be able to walk several miles in sun and high heat in uneven terrain while carrying up to 30 pounds of equipment, be able to work in standing water using hip waders, be able to haul large, awkward brush and cut woody debris weighing up to 50 lbs for short distances out of wetland basins for up to 8 hrs/day, be able to follow complex protocols while wet, cold, tired, and being bitten by mosquitos at night. Work will begin in September or October and will continue into December or January, with the possibility of extension into May 2019.

Application Instructions: Please send a cover letter and resume and contact information for two references (you can follow up with that later if not available immediately) to kcjones7@vt.edu with AMPHIBIAN/REPTILE TECH in the subject line of the email. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but those received before 5 September 2018 will receive priority review. Virginia Tech is an EO/AA EMPLOYER COMMITTED TO DIVERSITY.

Qualifications:

Required Qualifications

Previous natural resource field experience, valid driver's license; excellent organization and communication skills; demonstrated ability to work independently and collaboratively; successful applicants will be adaptable, detail-oriented, enthusiastic, comfortable working on an active military base, comfortable working alone and with others at night, able to work harmoniously with others, and at least one of the following: experience handling federally threatened or endangered species; experience running drift fences; experience marking amphibians using VIE and/or PIT tags.

Preferred Qualifications

B.S. in Wildlife Science or related field; previous experience working with amphibians and reptiles, especially ambystomatid salamanders and tortoises, experience using game cameras, experience working on a military installation, and experience operating 4WD vehicles in challenging terrain.

Salary: \$10-\$13/hr