

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (1 position) needed for ongoing studies of amphibians as part of a USGS research program at Yosemite National Park. The successful applicant will be part of a 2-person field crew that will conduct visual encounter surveys throughout Yosemite NP, and occasionally in other parts of California.

Successful applicants will have:

- experience conducting field research with vertebrates, preferably amphibians
- strong outdoor skills that include hiking, backpacking, and camping in remote areas
- ability to work well with a field partner under challenging conditions
- experience with maps, collecting data with smartphones or PDAs, GPS, and orienteering

USGS will supply all research equipment (e.g., smartphone, nets, camera), camping supplies (e.g., tent, sleeping bag, stove), and a government vehicle. Housing will not be provided. However, the park typically provides a campsite at one of the park campgrounds. Availability of a campsite will not be known until just before work begins.

The job will run from approximately June to early-September. For most of the season, the work schedule will be ten 8-hour days followed by four days off. On occasion, it will be necessary to work a standard five day week (Mon-Fri). Undergraduate students not graduating by May 2019 are rarely competitive for these positions.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and possess a valid driver's license. They must also be reliable, self-motivated, in good physical condition, able to work independently in sometimes remote locations, and able to maintain a positive attitude under beautiful but sometimes challenging field conditions that can include dense vegetation, poison oak, rattlesnakes, and biting insects. The backpacking will be strenuous. Successful applicants should be prepared to carry heavy packs for long distances with considerable elevation gain.

To apply, send a resume or CV that provides sufficient detail to 1) evaluate your background and 2) contact key people. Include names and current phone numbers (not just email addresses) for all supervisors and at least three references. Applications with insufficient information, outdated contact information, or statements such as “references available by request” have a tendency to sink to the bottom of the stack. Also, please send your college transcripts (unofficial copy is sufficient).

You must note the dates worked (not just the months), and the average number of hours worked each week for every job on your resume or CV. This information is required so human resources staff can determine whether you qualify for the position.

Salary is approximately \$17.84 per hour (GG-06). A supplemental backcountry per diem is paid when you work in the backcountry.

Email applications to Patrick Kleeman: <[pkleeman@usgs.gov](mailto:pkleeman@usgs.gov)>. Applications will be accepted through **February 12, 2019**.