

Job Classification: Extra Help – Field Research – 40 hours per week
Position: Snake Fungal Disease Field Technician
Employer: University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine
Location: 1 position based in Indiana (housing not provided)

JOB DESCRIPTION

We are seeking 1 field technician to assist with snake fungal disease sampling for the summer and fall of 2019. Under the supervision of staff herpetologists and veterinarians, the technician will be required to aid in the collection of snakes through visual encounter surveys and road cruising. The technician will record species, weights, lengths, sex, age class, habitat characteristics, and GPS coordinates. Every snake will be visually examined for the presence of lesions and swabbed to detect snake fungal disease. Travel and long hours in the field should be expected.

QUALIFICATIONS

Course work in biology, herpetology, environmental science, or related field is recommended. The candidate must be able to hike to remote sites, travel overnight, and work outside under adverse field conditions (hot weather, biting insects, poison ivy, etc.). Candidate must have a valid driver's license and a vehicle in working condition. The candidate must be able to work independently for most of the field season. Preference will be given to candidates with experience sampling and identifying Indiana snake species.

Salary: \$12/hour – commensurate with experience.

Available: On or before May 13, 2019 through October 2019 (or longer, depending on schedule).

Application: For full consideration, applications should be received by 5/10/19 but position will remain open until filled. Electronic applications required. To apply, please email cover letter, resume, and names & email addresses of three professional references to: sethml@illinois.edu - (Reference "SFD Field Technician" in subject line)

Direct technical questions to Seth LaGrange at sethml@illinois.edu.

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