

Agency: Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

Location: O'Bannon Woods State Park, Corydon, Indiana

Job Category: Amphibian (Hellbender) Field Technician - Indiana

Salary: \$12.00/hr

Start Date: October 3, 2017

Last Date to Apply: August 28, 2018

Description: A technician is needed to assist with radio-telemetry for Eastern Hellbenders (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*) in the Blue River, Indiana near Corydon. One 6-month appointment is being sought. The appointment will start in early October 2017 and run through April 2018. Depending on the workload, the potential for a 3-4 month extension is possible.

The primary responsibility of the technician will be to assist other technicians with Eastern Hellbender radio-telemetry. Telemetry will be conducted during all seasons. Given the nature of the field work, there might be periods of down time during the winter due to inclement weather conditions.

Additional work might include rock-flipping surveys for adults, macroinvertebrate surveys, nest surveys, equipment maintenance, and the attendance of occasional outreach events.

Duration: October 3, 2017 – April 2018. The start date is the latest date available for starting. The end date is flexible within the month of April.

Qualifications:

Requirements:

- A background in forestry, fisheries, wildlife, natural resources, ecology, or related discipline is required.
- Applicants must be willing to work with or near amphibians, reptiles (including snakes), and possibly other wildlife.
- Previous radio-telemetry experience is preferred.
- Applicants must be physically fit and willing to hike, swim, and kayak.
- Applicants must have a valid U.S. driver's license.
- Applicants must be willing to work long hours in sometimes unpleasant conditions (i.e., hot, cold, rainy, snowy).
- Applicants must be comfortable working extended hours in cold water. Wetsuits will be provided.
- Applicant must provide their own cold-weather waders
- Applicants must be comfortable living in cramped quarters with other individuals.
- Housing (pop-up camper) is provided in O'Bannon Woods State Park in Corydon, Indiana.

To apply:

Deadline: August 28, 2017

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please apply quickly! Please send a resume, at least two references, and a brief email describing your interest in the position to Nick Burgmeier.

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