



## HERPETOLOGY & WETLAND ECOLOGY RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

The Restoration Ecology and Herpetology program at Archbold Biological Station (ABS) is seeking an intern to assist with wetland ecology and herpetology research and monitoring throughout our 8,840-acre preserve in south Florida. The length of appointment will be for approximately 7 months, with a desired start date of January 14, 2019.

The ABS internship program provides an opportunity to gain experience in every aspect of scientific research, from experimental design and data collection to oral and written presentations. The Restoration Ecology/Herpetology intern can expect to work an average of 20 hours per week assisting with a variety of ongoing field projects, with the remaining time devoted to designing and implementing an independent research project that fits within the broad research themes of our program (i.e., wetland restoration, community ecology of seasonal ponds, ecology and behavior of amphibians and gopher tortoises).

Varied duties will include, but may not be limited to: sampling and identifying aquatic vertebrates and macroinvertebrates; hydrological monitoring; assisting with radiotracking and demographic monitoring of gopher tortoises; entering data; and occasionally assisting with restoration and land management activities. The Station's mosaic of scrub, wetland, and agricultural habitats is maintained through an active prescribed fire program that helps to conserve many imperiled species associated with the Lake Wales Ridge ecosystem; visit our website for more information: <http://www.archbold-station.org/html/aboutus/about.html>

Research Interns receive a weekly stipend of \$160 plus meals (breakfast and lunch Mon-Fri) and lodging at the Station (shared housing, no pets).

Minimum qualifications: A Bachelor's degree in biology, wildlife science, or a related field; highly motivated and enthusiastic about living and working in a rural field-station setting; able to safely operate 4WD vehicles in difficult off-road conditions; and demonstrated attention to detail with respect to following sampling protocols and managing data. The work also requires high tolerance for the extreme heat and humidity that prevail during late spring through summer in southern Florida. Applicants must have U.S. citizenship or current authorization to work in the U.S.

In addition to the above, the ideal candidate will have significant (> 6 months) previous field experience in one or more of the research areas mentioned above. Coursework in statistics and familiarity with species of the southeastern Coastal Plain are also advantageous.

To apply, email the following (preferably as one attachment in PDF format) to Dr. Betsie Rothermel ([brothermel@archbold-station.org](mailto:brothermel@archbold-station.org)):

- (1) Cover letter describing your qualifications and indicating your availability
- (2) Current resumé or CV, including GPA and a list of relevant coursework
- (3) Contact information for three references

Please include 'Intern position' in the subject line of your email. Deadline to apply is **November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

*Archbold is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from members of underrepresented groups*