

Herpetology Field Technician in Michigan

We are seeking a field technician to assist with a Blanding's Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*) and Wood Turtle (*Glyptemys insculpta*) study in northern Michigan over the summer of 2019, approximately from early May – August. Applicants will need to be comfortable working long hours alone and as part of a cohesive research team and in habitats that can be extremely hot, humid, buggy, densely vegetated (e.g. wetlands) and inhabited by venomous snakes. Excellent communication skills are a must, as this research takes place on a military base (sometimes on or near firing ranges) and requires collaborating closely with the research team and various military personnel. Applicants preferably have a four-year degree from an accredited college or university (biology, wildlife management, ecology, or related field), and a valid driver's license.

Technicians will assist with surveying for, capturing and radio-tracking the turtles. The goal of the study is to identify locations used by these species and to endeavor to characterize the related habitat across the local landscape. The technician will assist with routine radio-tracking, searching for new turtles, entering and organizing data, sterilizing equipment, and so on. Previous experience radio-tracking, surveying for cryptic wildlife (especially turtles), and collecting habitat data is preferred, but not required.

Logistics

Pay will be \$12/hour for 40 hours/week. Shared housing will be provided to all technicians at no cost at a field house that is near the study site (~20- minute drive). There is no air conditioning, and the internet and cell service are limited at the field house, but these amenities are available in town. Applicants should be comfortable living in close quarters with other researchers, including sharing a room. A personal vehicle for work-related travel is required (4WD or AWD recommended but not required).

Contact Information

Qualified applicants should email a letter of interest, a resume/CV that describes academic background and relevant experience, and the names and contact information for at least three references. This information should be submitted to Dr. Bruce Kingsbury at bruce.kingsbury@pfw.edu. Please put "Field Technician – Turtles" in the subject line to help us sort incoming messages. Applications will be accepted until February 15th, but review of applications will begin early February and positions filled as soon as possible.