

Mississippi State University is seeking a field technician to assist with research regarding gopher frog ecology at Conecuh National Forest in Andalusia, Alabama from approximately 1 February 2021 through 1 June 2021, with an opportunity for renewal in 2022/2023.

This project will be focused around telemetry of gopher frogs, identification of refugia, and monitoring efforts including call surveys (including via recordings), egg mass surveys, and camera trap monitoring; as such, strong visual and audio identification skills are preferred.

The preferred candidate will have experience working with amphibians, telemetry skills, experience with 4WD vehicles, ability to carry 30+ lbs in difficult conditions, and be comfortable with GPS technology. Additionally, applicants must have the fortitude to work in variable weather conditions including heat, humidity, and rain, and be willing to occasionally spend long nights in the field. Applicants should be able to work independently as well as part of a team. Interest and enthusiasm in amphibian ecology and conservation is essential, and familiarity with the amphibian and reptile species of southern Alabama is preferred.

Applicants should be pursuing or have completed a bachelor's degree in wildlife, ecology, zoology, or a related field.

Applicants should have a valid driver's license and clean driving record, and will have access to a shared field vehicle. Shared housing may be available.

The pay for this position is \$11.50/hr, 40hrs/week.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume/CV, and contact information for three references to Krista Ruppert via email at kr1723@msstate.edu. Applications will be considered as they are received.