

Position Available:

Research Associate data manager and field research manager

The Haas lab in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, is hiring a research associate to manage multiple projects and databases, support graduate students and other researchers on ongoing projects, interact with land owners/stakeholders, conduct field research, write permits and reports, as well as supervise undergraduates and field technicians. This position's main role will be centered on data management and will include, but not be limited to, updating and maintaining data management protocols, ensuring all lab members are up to date on any data management training, and that lab members adhering to data management protocols. Understanding the field data collection process including use of automated loggers will be essential to success. We are in search of a candidate who can hit the ground running as the busy part of the field season begins in early fall. Candidate will need to travel for 1-6 weeks at a time between research sites in Florida and Virginia and probably to research locations in other states in the south and northeastern US. As there are multiple concurrent projects, successful candidates will need to demonstrate an ability to handle multiple demands within their respective deadlines. This position will also involve ensuring communication between remote field crews and Blacksburg crew.

Required qualifications:

M.S degree in wildlife science, ecology, or related field.
Experience managing field projects and large databases.
Experience with flatwoods salamanders and/or longleaf ecosystems.
Experience with bog turtles and/or Appalachian fens.
Experience installing hydrological monitoring wells instrumented with automated pressure transducers.

Preferred qualifications:

Experience with terrestrial salamanders and/or Appalachian forests.
Research experience with insects.
Experience with vegetation and invertebrate surveys
Experience with handheld GPS units, Microsoft Access, operating 4WD vehicles, R or other statistical program language.
Formal training in data management.
Coursework or experience with management and policy issues related to threatened and endangered species including familiarity with Endangered Species Act.
Outreach experience (including public speaking)

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To apply:

Candidates should apply online at jobs.vt.edu, click on Apply Now, and search for job number 516754, or go directly to <https://careers.pageuppeople.com/968/cw/en-us/job/516754/research-associate>. Review of candidates begins in early August and position will be closed when filled but hopefully no later than 16 August 2021.