

**SEASONAL HERPETOLOGY RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (2)** needed for population monitoring of Gopher Tortoises in south-central Florida. These are full-time (40 hours/week), 5-month positions with a desired start date of **March 7, 2022**.

Fieldwork will be split between Archbold Biological Station, the site of a long-term demographic study of Gopher Tortoises, and a state-permitted tortoise recipient site located 30 minutes away. The research assistants will census tortoise populations by searching for tortoise burrows along transects; mapping burrows using GPS; scoping burrows to determine if they are occupied; and



capturing and measuring tortoises. There may also be opportunities to assist with habitat management, such as helping with a prescribed burn or removing exotic plants. Other duties include entering and checking data and helping to maintain equipment.

Archbold is a not-for-profit, independent institution dedicated to long-term ecological research, conservation, and environmental education. Archbold manages 20,000 acres of natural laboratories: 1) the main Station is a

5,200-acre scrub preserve, 2) the Archbold Reserve is a diverse 3,600-acre landscape of grazing land and restored habitats, and 3) Archbold's Buck Island Ranch is a 10,500-acre working cattle ranch. For more information, visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/ArchboldExpeditions>

The successful candidates will have a B.S. in biology, wildlife science, or a related field, plus at least 3 months of relevant experience conducting herpetological surveys. Other required qualifications include:

- Proficiency with GPS data collection and common word processing and spreadsheet software (i.e., Microsoft Office)
- Ability to perform physically strenuous activities (e.g., hiking while carrying field equipment, frequent bending and kneeling), often in hot, humid conditions
- Ability to safely operate 4WD vehicles in off-road conditions
- Unwavering attention to data quality and following established survey protocols
- Willingness to work a non-regular schedule that may include some weekends
- Good and responsive communication with supervisors and coworkers
- Willingness to comply with Archbold and Federal Covid-19 prevention guidelines, which includes mandatory vaccination for shared housing and wearing masks in indoor work spaces
- US citizenship or a US work visa is required

Salary is \$11.50-12.00/hour dependent on experience. Free shared housing will be provided (no pets, no smoking).

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

- 1) 1-page cover letter describing your qualifications and availability with respect to the desired start date
- 2) Current resumé or CV, including a list of relevant coursework
- 3) Contact information for three references

Please include 'Tortoise RA' in the subject line of your email.  
The application deadline is **January 28, 2022**.

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