

## **USGS NorCal Amphibian and Reptile Biological Science Technicians**

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (2 positions) needed to assist with amphibian and reptile projects in northern California. Technicians will be based in Dixon, CA and perform visual encounter surveys for spadefoot toads in and around the Central Valley. Technicians will also perform visual encounter surveys and eDNA surveys for western pond turtles in northern California and possibly other projects depending on availability of project funding. Technicians will receive travel per diem in addition to hourly wage while traveling for work.

Successful applicants will have:

- experience conducting field research with amphibians
- strong outdoor skills that include hiking and camping in remote areas
- ability to work well with a field partner under challenging conditions (temperatures above 100 F, exposure to wildfire smoke)
- experience with mapping programs, collecting data with smartphones, GPS, and orienteering
- flexibility and willingness to travel to different locales for the work

USGS will supply all research equipment (e.g., smartphone, dipnets), camping supplies (e.g., tent, sleeping bag, stove), and a government vehicle. Housing will not be provided, but campsite fees will be reimbursed during work trips.

The job will run from approximately mid-March to mid-September. For most of the season, the work schedule will be ten 8-hour days followed by four days off. On occasion, it will be necessary to work a standard five-day week (Mon-Fri). Undergraduate students are rarely competitive for these positions.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and possess a valid driver's license. They must also be reliable, self-motivated, in good physical condition, able to work independently in sometimes remote locations, and able to maintain a positive attitude under beautiful but sometimes challenging field conditions that may include dense vegetation, poison oak, rattlesnakes, biting insects, extreme heat, and wildfire smoke.

As required by Executive Order 14043, Federal employees are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 regardless of the employee's duty location or work arrangement (e.g., telework, remote work, etc.), subject to such exceptions as required by law. If selected, you will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and submit documentation of vaccination by November 22, 2021 or before your entry on duty date with USGS, if after November 22. DOI will provide additional information regarding what information or documentation will be needed and how you can request of USGS a legally required exception from this requirement.

Due to COVID-19, the USGS is currently in an expanded telework posture. If selected, you may be expected to temporarily telework, even if your home is located outside the local commuting area. Once employees are permitted to return to the office, you will be expected to report to the duty station listed on this announcement in accordance with the Department's reentry procedures provided by your Servicing Human Resources Office. At that time, you may be eligible to request to continue to telework one or more days per pay period depending upon the terms of the Department of the Interior's telework policy.

To apply, send a resume that provides sufficient detail to 1) evaluate your background and 2) contact key people. Include names and current phone numbers (not just email addresses) for all supervisors and at least three references. Applications with insufficient information, outdated contact information, or statements such as “references available by request” will not be considered. Also, please send your college transcripts (unofficial copy is acceptable).

You must note the dates worked (not just the months), and the average number of hours worked each week for every job on your resume. This information is required so human resources staff can determine whether you qualify for the position.

Salary is approximately \$21.26 per hour (GG-05).

Email applications to Patrick Kleeman: <[pkleeman@usgs.gov](mailto:pkleeman@usgs.gov)>. Applications will be accepted through **January 21, 2022**. Please specify in your email that your application is for the “Northern California Spadefoot” amphibian positions.