

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

<b>Position Title:</b>	Seasonal Field Technician - Herps (Up to 12 positions)
<b>Position Number:</b>	#844857
<b>Supervisor(s):</b>	Ashley Adkins and Yu Man Lee
<b>Location:</b>	Various locations throughout Michigan.
<b>Salary Range:</b>	\$16-19 per hour, commensurate with training and experience. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	26 February 2023 (may be extended if needed)
<b>Term of Employment:</b>	Approximately April – late July/August 2022, depending on position/project; possible extension into September pending available funding.
<b>Minimum Qualifications:</b>	≥ 2 years study toward B.S. in wildlife biology, zoology, natural resource management, or closely related field.

**Description of Position and Duties:** Up to 12 field technicians will be hired to conduct field work in support of various MNFI research, monitoring, and inventory projects. Working closely with the principal investigators, technicians will plan field activities, conduct surveys, and ensure accurate data collection. Duties will include evaluating potential sampling sites; conducting amphibian and reptile surveys; handling, measuring, and marking animals; collecting blood and/or tissue samples; sampling vegetation and habitat characteristics; cleaning and maintaining equipment; processing specimens; and entering and compiling data in the field/office. Technicians will focus primarily on surveys for rare amphibians and reptiles, with target group/species depending on position and projects, but will include surveys for Blanding's turtles, spotted turtles, wood turtles, eastern massasaugas, and/or other herp species of conservation concern. Field sampling will regularly require long hours and flexible work schedules under adverse working conditions (e.g., hot and humid weather, long and difficult hikes in wetlands, and biting insects). Work over some holidays and/or weekends, travel to study sites throughout Michigan, and the use of a personal vehicle will be required (mileage reimbursed at standard rate). Desired qualifications: familiarity with Michigan and/or Midwestern ecosystems; experience conducting reptile and/or amphibian surveys and handling and marking live animals; ability to identify common Michigan plant species; and capability to navigate via map, compass, and GPS. Applicants must have valid driver's license and should be comfortable working alone in remote locations and potentially using watercrafts (kayaks, canoes, small boats). Attention to detail, ability to adapt and problem solve, a willingness to learn, and a good sense of humor are essential. Applicants should be able to work both independently and as part of a team and communicate effectively with diverse stakeholders.

**Application Procedure:** Please apply for the position through the following link - <https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/513783/extension-program-worker-zoology-seasonal-field-technician>. Please include cover letter (**directly addressing the above position description**), resume, and three professional references. Please include the position number on all materials and **start and end dates for which you would be available to work** in your cover letter.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

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