Temporary/Seasonal Internship Opportunity

TITLE: Freshwater Ecology Field Technician/Intern
CLASSIFICATION: Temporary/Seasonal Position
AGENCY: Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH)
WEBSITE: www.eih.uhcl.edu

JOB DESCRIPTION:
The Environmental Protection Agency is conducting the National Rivers and Streams Assessment in the summer of 2019 to assess the condition of the nation’s flowing waters. The Environmental Institute of Houston at the University of Houston-Clear Lake has been contracted to sample sites across Texas for this assessment. We are currently recruiting 2-4 positions to assist with field sampling with dates ranging from April-October, 2019; starting and ending dates can be flexible depending upon school schedule or availability. All work will be based out of Houston, TX, but extensive travel is required to conduct field work in wadeable and boatable rivers and streams. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable field experience in assessing physical habitat, measuring stream flow, collecting water samples, sampling aquatic invertebrates, quantifying fish assemblages, and collecting fish tissue samples.

LOCATION: Base of operations in Houston, TX; includes statewide travel

SALARY: Starting at $1,400/month (full-time, non-benefits eligible); room & board included during travel

QUALIFICATIONS:
Applicants should be pursuing or possess a Bachelor’s degree in natural resource management, fisheries ecology, biology, environmental science or a closely related field. Applicants must be willing to travel, sites are located statewide, but the selected intern will need to have a location to stay nearby UHCL.

Required
- Travel up to 10 days at a time and work long hours (10+) in the field during summer months
- Be in good physical condition and able to lift 50 lbs
- Ability to traverse steep and rough terrain and comfortable working from a boat, canoe, or kayak
- Must possess a positive attitude, and willing to work independently and as a member of a team

Preferred
- Previous scientific data collection & experience in ecology, fisheries biology, or a closely related topic
- Experience conducting biological monitoring assessments
- Aquatic invertebrate collection and preservation
- Fish sampling techniques including electrofishing, seining, and Texas freshwater fish ID skills
- EPA Region 6 directed training will be held in April, 2019 (dates TBD). It is strongly preferred for the chosen candidate(s) to be available to attend the training. Travel costs will be covered by EIH.

Additional Notes: All applicants must pass a criminal background and motor vehicle background check prior to hiring. This is not a benefits eligible position.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, & contact information for 3 references to Mandi Gordon.

START DATE: April-June 2019, depending on availability
END DATE: September-October 2019, depending on start date; 4.5 month appointment
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday March 15, 2019
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