Temporary/Seasonal Internship Opportunity

TITLE: Freshwater Fish Taxonomist

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 1 position to act as the field fish taxonomist with a position period from June 1-October 15, 2019. 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.

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

SALARY: Starting at $3,000/month (full-time, non-benefits eligible); room & board included during travel

QUALIFICATIONS:
Applicants should possess a Bachelor’s degree in natural resource management, fisheries ecology, biology, environmental science or a closely related field and be able to demonstrate through experience and course-work proficiency with freshwater fish identification. Applicants must be willing to travel, sites are located statewide.

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
- Experience with common fish sampling techniques including electrofishing, and seining.
- Proficient with Texas freshwater fish identification.
- 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 riverine biological monitoring assessments
- Aquatic invertebrate collection and preservation

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 Jenny Oakley.

START DATE: June 1, 2019

END DATE: October 15, 2019, dependent on start date (4.5 month appointment)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday May 15, 2019

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