Temporary/Seasonal Internship Opportunity

TITLE: American Eel Field Technician

CLASSIFICATION: Temporary/Seasonal

AGENCY: University of Houston-Clear Lake

WEBSITE: http://www.eih.uhcl.edu

JOB DESCRIPTION:
Excellent opportunity for a recent graduate interested in freshwater, estuarine, and marine fishes. The chosen applicant will work on a research project utilizing eel ramps, plankton nets, and environmental DNA (eDNA) to detect the recruitment of juvenile American Eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) in Texas. Tasks include: constructing, deploying, and monitoring a network of eel ramps, collecting eDNA samples, conducting leptocephalus monitoring using both active and passive plankton nets, and collecting water quality and habitat-related data.

LOCATION: Houston, TX, (specifically the Clear Lake area)

SALARY: Starting at: $1,800/month (full-time, non-benefits eligible)

QUALIFICATIONS:
Applicants should possess a Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited University in an appropriate field such as natural resource management, fisheries ecology, biology, environmental science or closely related field.

Required
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree
- Able to travel up to 3 days at a time and work long hours (10+) in the field/day
- 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
- Master of Science (M.S.) Degree
- Previous scientific data collection experience
- Experience conducting physical habitat surveys and water quality collection in freshwater or marine environments
- Experience with fish sampling techniques and Texas fish identification skills

Additional Notes: All applicants must possess a valid driver’s license and be physically able to drive university vehicles. Applicants must pass criminal and motor vehicle background checks prior to hire. This is not a benefits eligible position.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume or CV, and contact information for 3 references to Jenny Oakley

START DATE: February 1 or 16, 2022

END DATE: Depending on start date; 18-week appointment period

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 5, 2022

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