Temporary/Seasonal Internship Opportunity

**TITLE:** Lentic Ecology Field Technician/Intern

**CLASSIFICATION:** Temporary/Seasonal Position

**AGENCY:** Environmental Institute of Houston

**WEBSITE:** [www.eih.uhcl.edu](http://www.eih.uhcl.edu)

**JOB DESCRIPTION:**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting the National Lakes Assessment (NLA) in the summer of 2022. The Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH) at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) has been contracted to sample all sites in Texas for this assessment. We are currently recruiting up to 5 positions to assist with field sampling from April 16 to October 16, 2022; starting and ending dates have some flexibility depending upon availability. All work will be based out of Houston, TX, but extensive travel is required to conduct field work. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable field experience in all aspects of lentic assessment. At each site, we will evaluate water quality; collect water, zooplankton, fish, and sediment samples; and assess littoral and riparian habitat, fish cover, and macrophytes.

**LOCATION:** Based in Houston, TX; includes state-wide overnight travel

**SALARY:** Starting at: $1,400/month (seasonal, full-time, non-benefits eligible); travel expenses during field work covered by grant funds (relocation expenses not provided)

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants should be pursuing or possess a Bachelor’s degree in natural resource management, ecology, biology, environmental science or a closely related field. **Applicants must be willing to travel but the selected intern(s) will need to have a location to stay nearby UHCL.**

Required

- Overnight travel up to 14 days at a time and work long hours (10+) in the field during high-heat, 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 limnology, ichthyology, or closely related topic
- EPA directed training will be held in the Spring of 2022 (date and location TBA, likely prior to start date). Though it is not a requirement of the position to attend this training, it is **preferred for the chosen candidate to be available on these dates to attend the training.** Travel costs for this training will be covered by the project.

*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.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume with contact information for three references to Jenny Oakley.

**START DATE:** April 16, 2022 (18-week appointment)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Open until filled

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