Temporary/Seasonal Internship Opportunity

TITLE: Freshwater Ecology & Herpetology Field Technician/Intern

CLASSIFICATION: Temporary/Seasonal Position

AGENCY: Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH)

WEBSITE: www.eih.uhcl.edu

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) has contracted EIH at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) to evaluate distribution and habitat associations of western chicken turtles across Texas. This study will provide the CPA and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) data for direct use in wildlife population management decisions. We are currently recruiting 1-2 positions to assist with field sampling with dates ranging from March-August, 2020; start and end dates flexible depending on availability. All work will be based out of Houston, but extensive travel is required to conduct field work throughout central and east Texas. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable field experience collecting environmental DNA (eDNA) samples, conducting herpetological field surveys, and analyzing data related to conservation and wildlife management.

LOCATION: Based in Houston, TX; includes travel throughout central and east Texas

SALARY: Starting at $1,200/month (full-time, non-benefits eligible); only room & board included for travel

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

Required

• 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 (able to lift and carry 50+ lbs.)
• Must possess a positive attitude and be willing to work independently as well as a member of a team

Preferred

• Previous field experience in biology, ecology, wildlife management, or a closely related topic
• Experience in water collection, herpetological surveys, and/or driving/trailering small vessels (< 25 ft.)
• Field sampling techniques including hoop traps, pit-fall traps, etc.; experience with freshwater turtle identification; water sampling (especially eDNA)

Additional Notes: All applicants must pass a criminal background and motor vehicle background check prior to hiring. This is not a benefits eligible position. All applicants must be able to drive within the continental United States.

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

START DATE: March-April 2020, depending on availability

END DATE: July-August 2020, depending on start date; 4.5 month appointment period

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday January 31st, 2020

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