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 2018 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 from May 16 to September 28, 2018; starting and ending dates can be flexible depending upon school schedule. 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: Houston, TX – statewide travel

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

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 directed training will be held during the week of April 16th in Jefferson, TX. 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 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: May 16, 2018 END DATE: September 28, 2018

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled

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