



STREAM HABITAT FISH INTERN ANNOUNCEMENT-2016

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Stream Habitat Program

Position Description:

The Stream Habitat Program will be filling up to 4 fish habitat student intern positions. The primary responsibility will be to assist in the collection of biological and physical data on streams, predominately warm water streams. Duties include fish identification, collection of voucher specimens, and use of wading rods with current meters, electrofishing equipment, purse seine, boats, GPS, and outboard motors. Additional duties may include organizing, checking and repairing equipment, data entry, topographic surveying, geomorphologic monitoring, and other duties as necessary. A large amount of time will be spent on streams wading through water and may require swimming while wearing a lifejacket and carrying large nets.

This is a statewide program, so overnight travel is required. When traveling, lodging and transportation are provided and the cost of meals will be reimbursed. The position is based in St. Paul, Minnesota. You are responsible for your own housing and living expenses on your off time (i.e. nights not in travel status and weekends). Salary is \$12.00/hr. Preferred dates are June 1 – Sept. 2, but candidates must be available from June 6th to August 19th. This position may have the possibly to extend through October.

Required Qualifications:

Students must receive academic credit for successful completion of summer internship and be majoring in biology, natural resources, fisheries and wildlife, ecology, or environmental science. An internship agreement must be signed by both the student and a faculty advisor. Must have excellent and written communication skills and be able to accurately record and enter data. Candidates should be able to swim. Must be willing to travel overnight, 3-4 nights per week on short notice and to work odd hours and in adverse weather conditions. The candidate must be conscientious, dependable, able to follow directions and work well as part of a team and independently. Candidates must have a valid MN class D driver's license or equivalent.

Desired Qualifications:

Experience with electrofishing. Experience with wading rods and current meters. Course work in ichthyology, limnology, stream ecology, aquatic ecology, general ecology, or fisheries management.

Physical Requirements:

Physically demanding work – requires walking on rough terrain, wading streams (often in fast flows), lifting and carrying heavy equipment (max of 50 pounds) -- such as generators, boat trailering and outboard motors use. (Non-motorized canoes and boats will primarily be used.) The candidate will regularly be required to carry nets and anchors while wading in streams.

License Requirements:

MN Class D Driver's license or equivalent: a single unit vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of less than 26,000 pounds. This is a basic driver's license. Operators may also tow a trailer as long as the gross combination weight does not exceed 26,000 pounds.

To apply, go to the State of Minnesota career website:

<http://www.careers.state.mn.us/>

Follow all the instructions for posting # 1906.

Applications must be received by February 1, 2016.

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