2023 STATEWIDE SEASONAL ECOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN

Station Location: Ecological Services Section - Operations Headquarters, Pratt, KS
Temporary Position - 999 hours

Positions will be available for up to 12 technicians creating 3 separate crews. Incumbents will be performing aquatic or terrestrial surveys, dependent upon their assigned crew, across the state, specifically related to native Kansas fauna. Crews have the potential to conduct the following activities: (1) surveying for the state endangered Cylindrical papershell mussel in its historical range of north-central and northeast Kansas, assessment of threatened and endangered aquatic species statewide; (2) surveying for state listed species of reptiles and amphibians in appropriate habitats; (3) survey bats and small mammal communities using appropriate methods and procedures (4) survey aquatic fauna of the Marais Des Cygnes River and other large river systems using electrofishing, trawling, and other methods; (5) survey for various species of pollinators in public and private areas. Some lab work involving the identification, sorting, and cataloging of collected specimens obtained from surveys may be required. Assist with conducting educational events for students of various ages. Maintaining good working relationships with other institutions and personnel will be required. Perform other duties as required.

Start Dates: Start date for this position may be as early as April of 2023. May 15 is the general start date for summer surveys.

End Dates: completion of 999 hours or earlier as determined by Supervisor and/or other circumstances (e.g., return to college)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Must be physically able to perform demanding tasks in a variety of outdoor settings and weather conditions. Must be able to think and work independently and follow daily assigned tasks as well as be a part of a crew. Must be able to travel weekly in state provided vehicles to survey locations statewide and stay overnight in provided hotels. Ability to work in harsh field conditions, including mud, 100+ degree temperatures, poisonous plants, tolerating insects, handling live organisms including fish, reptiles, amphibians, small mammals, and insects is required. Required to be at least 18 years of age with a valid driver's license. Due to the nature of work being performed, applicants who can work the full summer schedule and minimize absences will be given higher preference.

BENEFITS: Hourly wage: $12.25 per hour. Schedules will vary according to the type of work being performed and may include some weekend hours. Work weeks are typically 40 hours. Technicians will not work more than 999 hours per calendar year. No paid holidays. Depending on time of year the incumbents may be asked to work limited days to save hours for more busy time periods. Motel expenses and a daily meal allowance for overnight work-related travel will be provided. The department does not provide housing outside of work-related travel.

HOW TO APPLY:
1) Applicants are required to complete a KDWP employment application located at http://www.ksoutdoors.com/news/KDWPTInfo/ Jobs/Employment-Application-Additional-Info or at any KDWP office.
2) A resume and cover letter with reference emails is required.
3) A state of Kansas Tax Clearance Certificate is required. Information on how to obtain a tax clearance certificate is explained below.

Complete applications should be mailed/e-mailed to: Mark Van Scoyoc, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks, 512 SE 25th Ave, Pratt, KS 67124.
For further information contact Mark Van Scoyoc at mark.vanscoyoc@ks.gov or (620) 672-5911.

CLOSING DATE: January 27, 2023. Interviews will be conducted at the KDWP headquarters in Pratt, KS at a pre-determined date.

Interested applicants should apply immediately. We reserve the right to conduct a background check on all qualified applicants.

Kansas Tax Clearance Certificate: Each applicant applying for a State of Kansas job vacancy must obtain a State Tax Clearance Certificate by accessing the Kansas Department of Revenue’s website at http://www.ksrevenue.org/taxclearance.html. A Tax Clearance is a comprehensive tax account review to determine and ensure that an individual’s account is compliant with all primary Kansas Tax Laws. Applicants are responsible for submitting their certificate with all other application materials to the hiring agency. This is in accordance with Executive Order 2004-03. The Americans with Disabilities Act ensures your right to reasonable accommodations during the employment process—individuals with disabilities are encouraged to contact the agency recruiter if reasonable accommodations are needed for any part of the application or hiring process. Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.