New Mexico meadow jumping mouse field study, Northern Arizona University

Small mammal field crew leader

A small mammal crew leader position is needed for a project studying the endangered New Mexico meadow jumping mouse in riparian areas located within National Forests in the mountains of Arizona and New Mexico. The successful applicant will work as part of a team to determine population status, habitat requirements, and home ranges for the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse. The crew leader will be supervising up to 10 field technicians and be responsible for daily and weekly field logistics. This position also requires coordinating with federal and state agencies on a regular basis.

During the summer, we will be trapping small mammals with Sherman traps, processing animals, using track plates, and measuring habitat and environmental variables. The research takes place in remote areas and we will be camping while in the field for approximately 6-9 days at a time. While in the field (most of the time) per diem will be provided as well as reimbursement for use of a personal 4WD vehicle while working. Office duties may include data entry, maintenance of sampling gear, and travel preparations. The field season is expected to run from June to September or October.

To be considered for this position, you MUST have experience leading field crews, extensive experience trapping, handling, and identifying small mammals, camping experience (preferred experience camping at elevations >8000 feet), be able to navigate across difficult trail-less terrain, be comfortable working and camping in remote areas, be comfortable and safe driving 4WD vehicles, be able to spend several hours in waders walking through fast-moving streams, and have a passion for conducting field research.

Applicants should be motivated, have the ability to work well independently and with others, be able to hike with heavy equipment in rough terrain, and under adverse weather conditions. The ideal candidate will have trapping and handling experience with small mammals, supervisor experience, proficiency with track plates, familiarity with fauna and flora of the region, experience in vegetation sampling, ability to navigate to sampling locations using map and a GPS, and have CPR and first aid certification. Preference will be given to applicants with a bachelor’s degree in the biological sciences, wildlife, or closely related field.

Salary: $16-$19/hr depending on experience
Deadline to apply: March 2, 2018
To apply: Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and 3 references (applications formatted as a single PDF document) to the contact below.

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