Field technicians needed in Alaska for shorebird and small mammal research

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game is hiring 2 field technicians (Fish & Wildlife Tech II) to help with 2 consecutive wildlife studies in Southcentral Alaska. The first is a study of Lesser Yellowlegs migration, demography, and genetics, and the second is a project investigating collared pika demography. Technicians are needed from approximately 1 May to 31 August 2018. The yellowlegs project will occur from May through June and will be based in Anchorage, and the pika project will take place from July through August, based in Palmer and at remote field sites. Both technicians need to be available to work on both projects. Technicians will be responsible for finding their own accommodations in Anchorage for the first two months, and will camp and/or stay in a yurt for the remainder of the season. Duties include, but are not limited to, capturing and tagging yellowlegs, re-sighting color bands, nest searching, conducting surveys of small mammals at high elevation sites, trapping and handling pikas, conducting behavioral observations, setting remote camera traps, and entering data. Technicians must be willing to endure long days of hiking over mountainous terrain in adverse conditions (rain, snow, heat, mosquitoes, bears, etc.).

**Salary**: $2875.41/month

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to navigate using compass and GPS.
- Ability to take detailed notes and fill out data sheets on a daily basis.
- Field experience in wildlife biology.
- Basic knowledge of MS Excel and Access software.
- Ability to work long, irregular hours, usually starting before sunrise.
- Ability to hike long distances and carry heavy loads.
- A valid driver’s license and ability to operate 4WD vehicles.
- Willingness to work in adverse weather conditions and safely climb over boulder fields.
- Comfortable working and living closely with other technicians in remote locations.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have experience handling birds and/or small mammals.
- Applicants must be Alaska residents.

To apply, send cover letter describing your experience, resume, and contact information for 3 references in a single document to Katie Christie, Threatened, Endangered, & Diversity Program, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, katie.christie@alaska.gov.