Biological Technicians (Plants and Pollinators): ND, SD, MN

Field Assistant Positions at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center

Duration: May through September 2019. Exact dates are flexible.

Projects: Bee health and ecology, plant-pollinator interactions

Salary: $15.38/hr. Housing may be provided for remote duty stations.

Description

These positions are in support of a bee research project led by the US Geological Survey at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center. The project goals are to determine how land-use conditions influence bee health and quantify floral resources used by honey bees and native bees. Duty stations for these positions include North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. For a more detailed description of the project, please watch this brief video created during the 2015 field season. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_O6RDdrfIc

Knowledge and Skills Required for the Position

- Experience identifying flowering plants to species including native and non-native forbs, invasive plants, and/or agricultural crops.
- Skilled at entering data in Excel and/or Access.
- Ability to communicate with a wide variety of people, including scientists, land owners, and agricultural producers.
- Must possess a valid state driver’s license.
- General knowledge of honey bee natural history and native pollinator communities is preferred, but not required.
- Must be able to carry field equipment (up to 40 pounds), collect samples from honey bee colonies, spend long hours walking through uplands, and drive field vehicles.

To Apply

All applicants must be a current student or a recent graduate (within 12 months) from a university. Please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for two references to Mike Simanonok (msimanonok@contractor.usgs.gov) before January 7th, 2019. Please state your current academic status and available start and end dates in your cover letter.

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