

Bat Research Technician

We are hiring for two temporary research technicians to survey bridges for roosting bats across northern Montana. This work is the continuation of a multi-year project to identify the location of roosts and maternity colonies and quantify the number of animals at each roost to help establish pre-White Nose Syndrome baselines for these species and provide information to target surveillance efforts for the disease.



Employees must be comfortable working in typical outdoor conditions encountered in the spring and summer in Montana including rain, snow, wind, and extreme cold and warm temperatures. Due to the mobile nature of the field work, the employees are expected to camp on nearby public lands while in the field (equipment provided as needed), so applicants should have experience with tent camping from a vehicle. Work will not be conducted under direct supervision, so self-motivation is essential.

We encourage students and entry level technicians to apply. We have had several students conduct thesis projects on this work, so please let us know if this is of interest to you and your advisor.

Required Abilities

- Navigation with GPS and paper maps
- Driver's license and clean driving record
- Ability to follow written protocols
- Ability to accurately enter data on paper and in digital format
- Positive attitude and hard work ethic

Desired Abilities

- First aid training, Wilderness First Aid
- Ability to identify bats to genus as developed through a mammalogy course or previous work experience with bats
- Experience identifying incidentally encountered birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

Wage: Full time: \$8.75 hr + \$23 per diem

Duration: mid-May through mid-July

To apply please email a letter of interest and resume to:

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Deadline to apply is April 26th