Job Classification: **Hourly Assistant – Research Program Participant**

Title: **Wildlife Technician-Wetlands and Waterbirds** (Grant supported, hourly position)

Agency: Illinois Natural History Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois

Location: Forbes Biological Station, Havana, IL

Description: The Forbes Biological Station is seeking 5 research technicians to assist with multiple studies assessing wetland and waterbird ecology along the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. These positions will include a mix of field and lab work. Primary field duties will include performing radio telemetry of waterfowl, assessing hunting activity, and performing waterfowl abundance surveys. Primary lab work will be part of a waterbird diet, body condition, and parasite enumeration study. Depending on start time there will be opportunities for participating in vegetation, waterfowl, shorebird, and secretive marshbird surveys; diet, sediment core, box, and sweep-net collection and processing; trapping, banding, and potential tissue collection of waterfowl, marshbirds, and geese; vegetation identification and cover-mapping of wetland basins; safe operation of small and large boats, ATVs, and 4-wheel drive trucks; data entry and management; maintenance of equipment and facilities; and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Candidates possessing a Bachelors degree in biological sciences, wildlife ecology, or related field are preferred. Applicants must be willing to work at a laboratory bench and with microscopes for extended hours, as well as carry heavy equipment and samples (≤ 50 lbs) while wading through wetlands for sample collection. Applicants who are enthusiastic, personable, organized, and possess a strong work ethic are encouraged to apply. Candidates will be required to work independently and as part of a team.

Salary: $15/hr; 40 hrs/week, plus overtime. Housing may be provided at a reasonable rate.

Duration: Two (2) technicians will begin in early June, One (1) technician will begin by September 1, and Two (2) technicians will begin by October 1, 2022. All positions are funded through December 20, 2022.

Application: Review of applications will begin immediatelyand accepted until all positions are filled. **Electronic applications are required.**

To apply, please send the following in a **single document**: cover letter, resume/cv, and names and contact information of three references to: ckross@illinois.edu Be sure to reference **Forbes Technician** in the subject line and specify a starting date in the Cover Letter.

Direct technical questions to Chelsea Kross at ckross@illinois.edu.

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