

Field Technicians for Turtle Nesting Studies

Hofstra University, Branchville, New Jersey

Job Type: Seasonal / temporary

Category: Ecology, Wetland, Wildlife

Two field technicians are needed to gather data on nesting wood, painted, and snapping turtles at multiple nearby sites in Northwest New Jersey. This is a seasonal contract position that will run for four weeks from 21 May to 17 June 2018. Application deadline: 1 May 2018.

Responsibilities will include but may not be limited to:

- Spending long hours monitoring nesting areas for turtles in a range of uncomfortable environmental conditions (e.g., hot, humid, buggy, rainy, etc.)
- Working early mornings and sometimes late nights in the field
- Handling, marking, measuring, and weighing turtles that can weigh over 30lbs
- Excavating turtle nests without damaging eggs to record clutch sizes and egg masses
- Transporting eggs to lab incubators
- Radio tracking wood turtles in a variety of habitats that may be difficult to traverse (e.g., fields, forests, and wetlands with thick and often thorny vegetation)
- Recording data in an organized and proficient manner

Salary: \$1000 term stipend plus food and lodging at a local YMCA camp

How To Apply

All applicants must:

- Possess or be working towards a college degree in the biological sciences
- Possess a valid driver's license and access to their own personal automobile
- Possess or be willing to acquire their own pair of binoculars by the start date
- Have experience and enthusiasm for working long field hours on ecological projects
- Be confident working independently in areas with high black bear and coyote densities
- Be confident working independently in the field after dark
- Be able to pass background checks conducted by YMCA camp personnel
- Comply with the YMCA camp's drug free, alcohol free, and tobacco free policies

Qualified applicants will be given preference if they possess any of the following:

- Enthusiasm for turtle conservation
- Experience working with nesting turtles in a field setting
- Experience handling, marking, measuring, and weighing large snapping turtles
- Experience radio tracking turtles or other wildlife
- Knowledge of Northwest New Jersey's native flora and fauna

To apply, email Thomas.J.Duchak@hofstra.edu **before May 1, 2018**. Include "Field Technicians for Turtle Nesting Studies" in the subject field and attach the following PDF documents:

- Cover letter expressing your interest in the position and your qualifications
- Resume or CV
- Unofficial transcript from a college or university

When you apply, please indicate that you are responding to a posting from the New York Turtle and Tortoise Society.