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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**POSITION: BIOLOGICAL INTERN – 6 POSITIONS AVAILABLE
(CLASSIFIED AS CASUAL WORKER)**

JOB #11/82

Part-time, temporary, hourly-intermittent, grant-funded positions available on or after March 1, 2012 and ending on or before July 31, 2012 with the Endangered Species Recovery Program. The Endangered Species Recovery Program (ESRP) is a cooperative research program on biodiversity conservation in central California administered by California State University, Stanislaus. ***This position will be based out of the Mojave Desert.***

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Under general supervision, the Biological Intern will assist in conducting field studies of the Mohave ground squirrel on the Mojave Desert. Duties will include, but are not limited to:

- Operate trail cameras in support of a Mohave ground squirrel survey on public lands in the western Mojave Desert.
- Drive to remote study sites to service cameras in early morning hours before sun-up.
- Use global positioning systems (GPS) to navigate study areas and locate cameras.
- Data analysis including photo-interpretation.
- Conduct vegetation and other environmental surveys of trail camera study sites.
- Conduct taxonomic identification of desert plant species.
- Lay out sampling quadrats and accurately enter data.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

- Must have the ability to walk several miles per day over uneven terrain and to carry field equipment weighing up to 40 pounds.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

- Work will be outdoors in a desert environment (the Mojave Desert) with potential exposure to temperature extremes, precipitation, wind, uneven terrain, and rattlesnakes.
- Successful applicants will be expected to occasionally camp overnight at unimproved research sites and to perform some duties during the day, early morning and nighttime.
- The Biological Intern will work from Monday through Friday with the work site changing weekly from one Mojave Desert location to another.
- Expectations for appropriate attire includes attire reasonably accepted for hiking, for example, long-sleeved shirts, long pants and boots/closed toed shoes.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

- Reimbursement for lodging, some mileage and meals will be provided.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Undergraduate program in progress, or recently completed, with emphasis on courses in the biological sciences preferred. A course in field botany or plant taxonomy is desirable. Previous experience in biological field studies is desirable.

PERFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree with major in biological sciences is desirable. Prior recreational or educational experience in an outdoor setting is a plus. Ability to use global positioning systems (GPS) to assist in navigating study areas.
- Successful applicants will be trained in the use of trail cameras for wildlife surveys and in environmental sampling techniques, although prior experience with these techniques is desirable.

SPECIALIZED SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Ability to work under supervision as well as be self-directed.
- Ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with supervisors, co-workers and the general public.
- Knowledge of personal computers for data input purposes.
- Ability to maintain a good driving record and possess a California Driver's license.
- The successful candidate must be fingerprinted and successfully pass a background check, which may include checks of employment records, criminal records, civil records, and motor vehicle records.

HOURLY RATE RANGE: \$13.50 - \$14.50 per hour.

POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED. SCREENING OF APPLICATIONS IS IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest and a completed CSUS employment application (download electronic application at www.csustan.edu/hr) to:

California State University, Stanislaus Human Resources
Mary Stuart Rodgers Educational Gateway Building, Suite 320 (3rd floor)
One University Circle, Turlock, CA 95382, Phone: (209) 667-3354

Applicants requiring necessary accommodations to the application process may contact Human Resources at (209) 667-3351. California Relay Service is available at (800) 735-2922 voice and (800) 735-2929 TDD.

THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO APPEAR TO BE THE BEST QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE FOR AN INTERVIEW.

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