

Indiana Bat Acoustic Technicians - Northern Plains of Missouri

Job description

The Human-Wildlife Interactions Lab at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is recruiting Field Technicians to aid in a 11-week study of bats in the northern plains of Missouri. The Missouri Bat Project is an 8-year study and collaboration between the Center for Bat Research, Outreach, and Conservation, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the Missouri Department of Conservation. The main goal of the project is to understand how federally endangered Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) are affected by timber management on state-owned conservation lands in northeast Missouri. Technicians will aid Drs. Clarissa Starbuck and Joy O'Keefe, and PhD students in gathering data on bat distributions, health, and population density on six conservation areas. The University of Illinois will provide housing and field vehicles to conduct the research.

The **Acoustic Technicians** will deploy acoustic detectors and navigate in rugged and forested areas using a GPS, compass, and map. The acoustic technicians will also manage data and conduct exit counts at bat roosts when needed.

We anticipate long days in the field and can say with certainty that you will encounter at least one of the following on a daily basis: ticks, spiders, chiggers, venomous snakes, poison ivy, mud, hot weather, and rain. You will live and work in a team environment.

Location

Northeastern Missouri. Nearest city is Kirksville, MO.

Salary

Temporary, full-time positions.

\$520/week for 11 weeks beginning 22 May 2022.

Bunk housing and field vehicle will be provided. The University of Illinois will not pay for relocation costs (moving expenses).

Qualifications

Must have a **positive attitude, strong work ethic, and be in good physical condition. It is also critical that you are detail oriented and interested in collecting data for research studies.** Must possess a valid driver's license and pass driving record check. Desired: Experience navigating using GPS and topographic maps.

Application process: To apply for this position, **send resume and names of three references as one pdf file** to Clarissa Starbuck at cstarbuc@illinois.edu. **Applications received by 28 February 2022 will be given highest consideration.** In the subject line of your email, please include "Missouri Bat Acoustic Technician."

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