

SEASONAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Wildlife Section, Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program

WORK LOCATION: Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve, Dover, DE

EMPLOYMENT PERIOD: 4/23/2007 - 6/30/2007 (approximate)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Biological Aides (4) – Horseshoe Crab egg survey

Position will be responsible for conducting horseshoe crab egg surveys in support of research and monitoring for the Delaware Shorebird Project. Quantifying the abundance and distribution of horseshoe crab eggs will provide an index of eggs available to shorebirds. Technicians will sample horseshoe crab eggs with sediment core samplers on Delaware Bay beaches following a standardized survey protocol. Significant time will be spent in the field collecting sediment samples and removing eggs from the sediment. Lab work will also be required to further separate eggs from the sediment, count eggs, and enter count data into a database.

SALARY/HOURS:

\$8.65 - \$9.40 per hour commensurate with education and experience. Hours worked per day may vary but are not to exceed 40 hours per week. Must be willing and able to work long hours under strenuous (walking on sand and carrying equipment) and uncomfortable (e.g. heat and humidity, biting insects) field conditions, and be able to work a flexible schedule (some extended days).

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Minimum of three years towards a degree in biology, entomology, fisheries, wildlife, or related field.
2. Strong ability to follow survey protocol and a high level of attention to detail is required.
3. Prior field research experience preferred.
4. Ability to work independently; organized and efficient work habits; good time management skills.
5. Experience using word processing and spreadsheet applications.
6. Valid driver's license.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & DEADLINE

Apply by filling out an official State of Delaware Employment Application. This is available online at www.dnrec.delaware.gov. Look for **EMPLOYMENT** and then the links for a downloadable application. Print and complete the application and mail it along with your resume, three references, and a copy of your driver's license and social security number to the contact at *DE Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, 4876 Hay Point Landing Road, Smyrna, DE 19977* by **March 16, 2007**.

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