Seasonal Waterfowl Technician on Aunu'u, American Samoa

Agency – University of Texas at El Paso

Location – The Island of Aunu'u, American Samoa (-14.282774, -170.553611)

Compensation – Stipend of $1,750 per month for 2 months plus flights, field housing, food, and field transportation will be covered.

Duration –
    Start: Negotiable dates between 05/15/2023 & 06/01/2023
    End: ~08/01/2023

Last date to apply – 02/01/2023

Candidate will be assisting Ph.D. and M.S. students and others, including locals with waterfowl research on the island of Aunu'u, American Samoa. Primary duties include vegetation and core sampling, building traps, drive and mist netting, waterfowl handling, banding, blood work, GPS-GSM telemetry, waterfowl point counts, and data entry. Other duties may arise as needed.

Applicants must possess a passport, a valid driver's license, have a good attitude, and must be willing to work long hours as needed. Applicants must be able to be comfortable living on Island settings and working with a diverse set of people. Experience with a) waterfowl research, b) trapping techniques, c) Geographic Information Systems, and/or d) boats equipped with standard outboard and/or surface drive motors is a plus but not explicitly required.

Primary Responsibilities:
- Trap and trap site monitoring
- Waterfowl banding and handling
- Vegetation and core sampling

Minimum Qualifications:
Working towards or with a Bachelor's degree in biology, ecology, wildlife management or related field. Undergraduate and post-graduates are welcome to apply.

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities (desired):
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Able to live and interact amicably with a diversity of people
- Experience with data collection and entry
- Meticulous attention to detail
- Ability to operate 4x4 vehicles, boats, ATVs, etc.

Apply by emailing a single pdf including a brief cover letter, CV, and contact information for references to plavretsky@utep.edu with the subject line "Aunu'u Mallard Technician 2023".