

The vacancy announcement below is for amphibian field positions at Yosemite National Park. Work will mostly involve field surveys for amphibians at Yosemite, though some surveys will be conducted elsewhere in northern California. There may also be opportunities to participate in related research on amphibian chytrid fungus and pesticides. I will be hiring one or two 2-person field crews.

Successful applicants will have:

- experience conducting field research, preferably involving amphibians
- strong outdoor skills that include hiking, backpacking, camping in remote areas
- ability to work well with a field partner under challenging conditions
- experience with maps, PDAs, GPS, and orienteering

USGS will supply all research equipment, field supplies, and a government vehicle. Field crews will have a campsite at one of the park campgrounds. In some years, a modestly-priced cabin is available for a portion of the season, but availability of cabins will not be known until after work begins.

The job will run from approximately mid-May to early-September. For most of the season, the work schedule will be ten 8-hour days followed by four days off. On occasion, it will be necessary to work a standard five day week.

If you apply, don't make it hard for me to hire you. Provide sufficient detail for me to evaluate your background and contact key people. For each job, indicate whether you worked full-time, or how many hours a week you were required to work. Make sure to include names and current phone numbers (not just email addresses) for all supervisors and references. Applicants who provide a one-page resume or state that "references available by request" are not likely to be hired.

Also, you must note the number of hours worked each week for each job that you have held. This is information that our personnel staff needs to determine if you are qualified for the position.

Please get in touch with me if you have questions or need additional information.
Thanks.

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Date Closed: 01/08/10

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This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities.

**Job Announcement
U.S. Geological Survey
Equal Opportunity Employer**

Temporary Position: Biological Science Technician, GG-0404-06
Salary: \$34,300 yearly, \$16.44 hourly actual salary based on hours worked
Type of Appt: Temporary, Not-to-Exceed 180 working days
Work Schedule: Full Time - Maxi flex
Field Station: USGS, Biological Resources Division, Point Reyes Field Station
Duty Station: El Portal, CA
Start Date: May 9, 2010

THIS IS A TEMPORARY EXCEPTED SERVICE POSITION for which all qualified applicants, with or without Federal status may apply and be considered. Appointment to this position will not convey permanent status in the Federal service. Appointment will only be for the duration of the position, approximately 180 days. Temporary employees are covered by the Social Security Retirement system; annual and sick leave will be accrued; employees are ineligible for health and life insurance coverage.

Duties: Incumbent performs technical work in a laboratory or field environment in support of professional or technical employees engaged in data collection activities or analysis of biological data collection activities of analysis of biological samples. Performs one or more of the following duties:

- Collects biological, botany, fisheries, or wildlife data from study files or monitoring stations.
- Performs laboratory analysis of biological samples to determine specified chemical, biological, or physical characteristics.
- Operates a government vehicle or boats as an incidental driver.

Physical Demands: The work involves large amounts of time outside under a variety of conditions, including high elevations and extreme heat and cold. Periods of days at a time may be spent on backcountry data collection trips. Weight of up to 50 pounds must be carried on foot for distances up to 10 miles per day on these trips. During periods of data analysis, hours at a time must be spent working at a computer.

Qualifications: 1 year 9 months specialized experience in a field survey party, or 4 years sub professional experience, or 4 years college study (equivalent 120 semester/180quarter hours) plus 3 months of lab or field work experience.

Basis of Evaluation: All applicants will be evaluated on the basis of education and experience (including unpaid or volunteer experience). Applicants must meet all qualifications and eligibility requirements by the closing date of this announcement.

Note: Applicants will receive a basic eligible or ineligible rating based upon the qualification requirements. First preference in referral will be given to eligible applicants entitled to 10 point

veterans preference who have a compensable service-connected disability of 10 percent or more. All other qualified applicants entitled to veteran's preference will be given preference over qualified applicants not entitled to veteran's preference

All applicants must be United States citizens. Under regulations contained in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, employment in this position is limited to those persons who are authorized to work in the United States. Verification of employment eligibility will be required at the time of appointment.

As a condition of employment, all new employees reporting for duty will be paid through direct deposit to a financial institution of their choice.

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Applicants selected for Federal employment will be required to complete a Declaration of Federal Employment, OF-306, prior to being appointed to determine their suitability for Federal employment and to authorize a background investigation. Failure to answer all questions truthfully and completely or providing false statements on the application may be grounds for not hiring the applicant, or for firing the applicant after he/she begins work. Also, he/she may be punished by fine or imprisonment (U.S. code, Title 18, section 1001).

Prior to or at the time of appointment, male applicants born after December 31, 1959 will have to certify that they have registered with the Selective Service system in order to be appointed to a position with the USGS, unless legally qualified for an exception.

Employees of the USGS are subject to the provisions of Title 43, U.S. code, Section 31 (a) and may not according to this legislation and related regulation: (A) have any personal or private interest, direct or indirect, in lands or mineral wealth of such lands or a region under survey and whose title is in the U.S.; (B) execute surveys or examination for private parties or corporations; or (C) have personal or private interest, direct or indirect, in any private mining or mineral enterprise doing business in the U.S. except where specifically authorized by the director of the USGS.

How to Apply: Carefully read all information and instructions. It is the responsibility of the applicant to insure the application is completed. The personnel office will not be responsible for soliciting additional information from applicants or from official personnel records, but will consider individuals based on their applications as submitted. **Applications must be received by the closing date of the announcement to be considered.**

Submit one of the following forms of application: (a) resume or (b) OF-612, Optional Application for Federal employments, or (c) other written format. Also, please submit college transcript or list of college courses, specifying title of course work, completion date, semester or quarter hours earned by course title, and grade earned.

If claiming 5-point veterans preference, a DD-214 showing character of discharge is required. If claiming 10-point veterans preference, a SF-15 with proof of claim is required.

The USGS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, fitness, and qualifications without regard to race, sex, color, religion, age, marital status,

national origin, non-disqualifying handicap conditions, sexual orientation, or any other non-merit factors.

APPLY TO: Nicole Crain, USGS/BRD, 3020 University Dr East, Room 3006, Sacramento, CA 95819, FAX (916) 278-9475, ncrain@usgs.gov, **List the WERC announcement # 35-10-01 on the application**