Research Assistant Position Opening

The Department of Biology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha seeks a full time research assistant to support a variety of ongoing research projects related to the effects of land use on bird populations in the Great Plains. The desired starting date for the position will be June 1, 2014. The position is initially funded for twelve months. The salary is \$29,993 (annually) and includes benefits.

Duties will include assisting with all aspects of faculty and graduate research projects on grassland passerines and migratory shorebirds. The technician will participate in fieldwork and will be responsible for managing and analyzing data and preparing reports. The technician will possess strong communication and teamwork skills, the ability to work closely with private landowners and other stakeholders, and the ability to maintain accurate and organized records.

A Masters degree in biology, biostatistics, wildlife ecology, or related field including experience in conducting research, analyzing data, and preparing results for publication; or a Bachelors' degree in biology, biostatistics, wildlife ecology, or related field plus 1 year experience conducting and analyzing field-based ecological research is required. The position involves occasional travel and a valid drivers license is required.

Desirable candidates will have prior fieldwork experience with wild birds, experience supervising field technicians, and experience using a range of software tools such as Program MARK, R, Program DISTANCE, and ArcGIS to prepare publication-quality results.

Applicants must submit an online application to the University website. Please go to http://www.unomaha.edu/humanresources/employment.php, click on Current Job Openings (in red).

Scroll down and search for "Research Assistant Biology" to locate the online application for the position. Applicants should upload a cover letter describing qualifications and interests, curriculum vitae or resume, and contact information for three references. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. See

<u>www.unomaha.edu/environmental_studies/LLWolfenbarger.html</u> for details on the position, the Wolfenbarger lab, and the department. For questions contact: Dr. L. LaReesa Wolfenbarger, <u>lwolfenbarger@unomaha.edu</u>.

The university and department are strongly committed to achieving diversity among faculty and staff. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from members of under-represented groups and strongly encourage women and persons of color to apply for this position.