



Rocky Mountain Research Station
USDA Forest Service
Student Trainee Biological Science
GS-0499-07
Missoula, MT

OPEN: July 14, 2014

CLOSE: July 18, 2014

OUTREACH NOTICE

The Rocky Mountain Research Station will soon be advertising for a Student Trainee (Biological Science) Pathways Intern. The Internship Program is designed to provide current students with opportunities to explore Federal careers while still in school;

http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5409346.pdf

This part-time term position serves as a Student Intern providing support for the Wildlife and Terrestrial Ecosystems Science Program. The person hired will be a member of the team that performs genetic analysis on sage grouse DNA samples. This position is strictly a laboratory position and the person will be expected to operate specialized laboratory equipment, perform laboratory analysis using techniques such as conventional and real-time PCR, gel electrophoresis, library prep for next-generation sequencing, and DNA extractions on non-invasively collected samples. The intern will perform quantitative landscape genetic analysis and be responsible for obtaining and interpreting next generation sequence data and helping develop new tools for sage grouse (including a range-wide SNP panel). The person hired will assist scientists by tabulating, organizing and summarizing data. Candidates should understand the theories and practices of molecular genetic techniques, quantitative genetic and spatial analysis, and have taken applicable coursework related to these fields.

DUTY STATION: This position will be located at the Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Missoula, MT. Interested candidates can visit the RMRS website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/> and the Wildlife Genetics Lab website at: <http://www.rmrs.nau.edu/wildlife/genetics/>. Housing will not be provided and relocation costs will not be paid. For additional information about Missoula, MT please access the Missoula Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.missoulachamber.com/>.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-0499 series that are covered by the U. S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Group Coverage Qualification Standards for Technical and Medical Support Positions. The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook Manual for Technical and Medical Support is available for review at any federal personnel office or on the Internet at:

<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/standards/group-stds/GS-TECH.asp>

Primary Contact: Kristine Pilgrim, Genetics Lab Supervisor, Wildlife & Terrestrial Ecosystems

E-mail address: kpilgrim@fs.fed.us

If you are interested in this opportunity, please fill out the attached Outreach Notice Form and send to kpilgrim@fs.fed.us by July 17, 2014.

HOW TO APPLY:

The vacancy announcements will appear on the Office of Personnel Management's USAJOBS website: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

The process of applying will take place on the USAJOBS website. By setting up an account in USAJOBS you can automatically receive email notification of your application status.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:
 Address:

Date:
 Phone:

Email:

Are you currently a Forest Service employee: YES NO

Current title/series/grade/location/classification:

(e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc)

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position:

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VOLUNTARY SELF-IDENTIFICATION FORM (CONFIDENTIAL – FOR STATISTICAL USE ONLY)

The information requested is being collected for the purpose of statistical reporting only and will not be considered as part of the application for employment.

Mail or email to the Outreach Contact Person.

E-mail address:		Last Name (type or print)		First		MI
Address			City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number ()
Male	Female	RMRS Position title for which you are applying:				

Select **ALL** the following categories with which you identify:

<input type="checkbox"/>	INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY: The individual chooses to be identified as an individual with a disability because he/she has a record of, or is regarded as having a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of his/her major <u>life activities</u> .
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<input type="checkbox"/>	VETERAN: I served in the United States Army, navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Cost Guard, in a reserve unit of one of these military components, or in the National or Air national Guard of the united States, and was discharged or released un conditions other than dishonorable.
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS: * VETERAN OF THE VIETNAM ERA. The individual served more than 180 days on active duty with one of the United States Armed Forces (1) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and may 7, 1975; (2) in all other cases, between August 5, 1964, and may 7, 1975; or he/she met either of the preceding criteria and was discharged or released from active duty for a service-connected disability.
<input type="checkbox"/>	* DISABLED VETERAN. I have a disability that entitles me to Veterans' Administration disability compensation rated at 30 percent or more; or was discharged or released from active military duty because of a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

<input type="checkbox"/>	* OTHER. I served in the military for 90 or more consecutive days during a national emergency declared in accordance with federal law and was discharged with other than a dishonorable discharge or was discharged for an established service-connected disability and I am competent.
<input type="checkbox"/>	SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A VETERAN. I am surviving spouse, who has not remarried, of a veteran killed while on active duty who served in the military for 90 or more consecutive days during a national emergency declared in accordance with federal law and I am competent.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ORPHAN OF A VETERAN: I am a child of a veteran killed while on active duty who served in the military for 90 or more consecutive days during a national emergency declared in accordance with federal law and I am competent.
<input type="checkbox"/>	NONE OF THE ABOVE. I read the above definitions and none of them apply to me.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Hired	<input type="checkbox"/> Not hired	<input type="checkbox"/> Race missing or unknown