

Volunteer Field Assistants Needed: Study of rhesus macaques in Puerto Rico

Position Description:

Two volunteer field assistants are wanted to help with data collection on rhesus macaque behavior and physiology in Puerto Rico. The study combines behavioral observations of individually recognizable animals with collection of urine samples for measuring oxidative stress and images for measuring male facial coloration and symmetry. Volunteers will receive training on-site and will work as part of a larger team of researchers and volunteers from the University of Chicago and New York University. The project is based at the Cayo Santiago field site, housing is at the nearby town of Punta Santiago, on the south-east coast of Puerto Rico.

Qualifications/Experience:

Must be able to work in field conditions on a daily basis (5 days per week) in the hot Caribbean sun. Physically fit, motivated, and willing to learn new skills. Strong communication and inter-personal skills. Previous experience in field biology research would be useful: in particular any work involving data collection on animal behavior. Formal training in zoology, biological anthropology and/or ecology would also be advantageous, as well as experience with semi-professional digital photography (excluding 'point-and-shoot' cameras). Additionally, in order to receive permission to work on Cayo Santiago you have to provide a number of medical test results (e.g. TB, measles, intestinal parasites, rabies) to the Caribbean Primate Research Center (the organization that runs this field site). At least a month is required to obtain clearing to work on the island.

Salary/funding: No salary but partial financial support for airfare and housing in Punta Santiago will be provided.

Support provided for internship/volunteer positions: Partial financial support for airfare and housing in Punta Santiago will be provided to successful applicants.

Term of Appointment: Feb – Jul 2015.

Application Deadline:

We will review applications ASAP until the positions are filled.

Comments:

To apply, please, e-mail Dr Alexander Georgiev (georgiev@uchicago.edu<mailto:georgiev@uchicago.edu> <<mailto:georgiev@uchicago.edu>>). In your e-mail briefly explain your interest in this position and attach your CV with contact details for three referees.

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