Opportunity for Summer Employment

Opening Date: December 23, 2002
Closing Date: March 28, 2003,

The EPA’s Mid-Continent Ecology Division in Duluth, MN anticipates having the following positions available for the summer of 2003:

- Biological Science Laboratory Technician (multiple)
- Physical Science Technician (multiple)

Student summer employees will work in support of the following projects:

Upper Missouri River Assessment - These positions will be performing sampling and analysis of samples along the Upper Missouri River and its tributaries. Most positions will be conducting their work both by boat and on foot. These positions will be duty-stationed in either Denver, Colorado or Duluth, Minnesota but will work primarily out of Bismarck, North Dakota. Some positions will be laboratory support and duty-stationed primarily in Duluth with limited travel.

Coastal Great Lakes EMAP and Aquatic Stressor Research - These positions will be conducting surveys as far as Lake Ontario and numerous short (1-2 day) trips closer to Duluth. These positions will be duty-stationed in Duluth but students will be traveling extensively by land around all of the Great Lakes and using small boats to sample coastal watersheds and wetlands – likely two out of every three weeks, or will be living on the Division’s research vessel, the Lake Explorer, for extended periods.

Endocrine Disrupting Chemical Research Program and Computational Toxicology Program
These positions will support development of the Tier 1 thyroid screening assay. Duties will be primarily in the laboratory in Duluth conducting analysis and reviewing data.

Wildlife Species Extrapolation of Toxic Effects Research - These positions support studies on the effects of mercury on wildlife. These positions would be duty-stationed in the Division’s field station in Grosse Ile, Michigan and working primarily in the laboratory.

MED/ECD Water Contaminants Study - These positions will support development of small fish screening assays for multiple end points. These positions will be duty-stationed in Duluth and work would be conducted in the laboratory.
Duty Stations
Duluth, MN (Denver, CO and Grosse Ile, MI)

All positions are temporary not-to-exceed September 30, 2003.
All appointments will be excepted appointments.
All positions are full-time (40 hours per week). (Part-time may be an option, once selected.)
Salary varies by location but ranges from $16,032 to $46,724 annually ($7.68 to $22.39 hourly).
Salary is determined by qualifications.

To be eligible, applicants must be at least 16 years of age (18 years old to work in a laboratory), must be a U.S. citizen, and must meet the education and experience qualification requirements.

No travel or relocation expenses will be paid.

Applications will be accepted from the following:

1) Students who are eligible under the Student Temporary Employment Program must:
   • meet the qualification requirements for the position to which appointed;
   • be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree, certificate, or diploma seeking student taking at least a half-time course load in an accredited high school, technical or vocational school, 2-year or 4-year college or university, or graduate or professional school;
   • be at least 16 years of age;
   • and be a citizen of the United States.

2) Current or former Federal employees who now hold or have previously held a competitive status position.

3) Special employment authorities such as individuals with disabilities that have State Vocational Rehabilitation Certification; and 30% or more disabled veterans.

TO APPLY: You must apply on-line at one of the following websites:
www.epa.gov/ezhire or www.usajobs.opm.gov.

Announcements are posted by Duluth duty station and require a separate on-line application for each.

Supporting documentation to verify education, prior service, or special preference eligibility must be furnished. See the vacancy announcement number listed above for further details about these vacancies.

For additional information please contact Jon Sebastian, Human Resources Coordinator, Mid-Continent Ecology Division at 218-529-5070 or sebastian.jon@epa.gov

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