

Head Field Technician

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Job Description and Duties: We are looking for a head field technician to coordinate and assist with field data collection from a wild population of black-tailed prairie dogs in Grasslands National Park, SK. The head technician will supervise up to 5 volunteers in coordination with two graduate students. The period of employment is March 1 to Aug 31, 2017. Duties will include monitoring the reproductive phenology and survival of individuals, data entry and data verification. Fieldwork will involve live-trapping and handling of animals and behavioural observations.

Skills required: The successful candidate will have previous fieldwork experience in an equivalent work environment. Good organizational, multi-tasking and supervisory abilities are essential. Possession of these skills is required as evidenced through previous experience supervising field crews. Applicants who have experience working with terrestrial vertebrates, and particularly mammals, will be given priority. Specific field skills required are: proven ability to trap, handle and observe wild mammals (ideally Sciurids). The successful applicant will also have experience in data entry, checking and management of longitudinal databases. A displayed interest in ecology, wildlife, field biology, and animal behaviour is also required. An undergraduate degree in one of these, or a related, field is required. Fieldwork is carried out in Grasslands National Park, in a remote area of southern Saskatchewan. As such, the applicant must have a proven ability to work well with members of their own team, as well as other users of the park (i.e., other researchers, visitors and nearby landowners).

Salary will be \$1800-2100/month, based on level of experience. Food and accommodation are provided. The successful candidate will be required to provide for their own travel to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Travel between the field station and Saskatoon is provided.

If you wish to apply for this position, please send a CV with a cover letter and contact details of three references (with e-mail address), by email to Jeff Lane (contact info below) before January 21, 2017. Please indicate in your application that you are applying for the head technician position (we are also posting for volunteer interns). All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Only those selected for interview will be contacted.

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