

Field Research Opportunity



We are seeking 1-2 motivated field assistants to work on our black-tailed prairie dog project in Grasslands National Park, Saskatchewan. Individuals will work closely with our M.Sc. student on a project investigating the effects of body condition on hibernation in black-tailed prairie dogs. Individuals will gain experience in small mammal trapping, handling and monitoring. The field season will be broken into two sessions; late spring and early fall. Field work will involve the measurement of female reproductive success in the spring and conducting supplemental feeding trials in the fall. Applicants can opt to apply for either one of the sessions or both.

Dates: April 12 – May 31, 2019 (Reproductive success)
August 17- October 31, 2019 (Supplemental feeding trials)

Positions are best suited to applicants interested in ecophysiology, ecology, biology, wildlife, species at risk and/or field research. The field site and housing is located in the park and are isolated, as such applicants need to be able to cope under these conditions. Applicants should also enjoy the outdoors, have a positive attitude and work well individually and as a part of a team. Evidence of these skills and interests is required.

Positions are volunteer with accommodations, food and travel (between Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and field site) provided.

If you are interested or wish to apply please contact Deborah Hawkshaw by email by February 22, 2019. In your email please send an updated copy of your CV along with an outline of your interests, as well as which session(s) you are available for.

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