

Biological Technician (Plants and Bees): ND, SD, and MN

Field Assistant Positions at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center

Duration: May through September, 2017. Dates are flexible.

Projects: Honey bee health and ecology, plant-pollinator interactions



Salary: \$15.13/hr; Housing is provided

Description

These positions are in support of a grassland and land use research project led by the US Geological Survey at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center. The project goals are to determine how land-use conditions influence pollinator health and quantify floral resources used by honey bees and native bees. Duty stations for these positions include North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. For a more detailed description of the project, please watch this brief video created during the 2015 field season.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_O6RDdrfDc

Knowledge and Skills Required for the Position

- Experience identifying plants including native and non-native forbs, invasive plants, and/or agricultural crops.
- Skilled at entering data in Excel.
- Ability to communicate with a wide variety of people, including scientists, land owners, and agricultural producers.
- Must possess a valid state driver's license.
- General knowledge of honey bee natural history and native pollinator communities is preferred, but not required.
- Must be able to carry field equipment (up to 40 pounds), collect samples from honey bee colonies, spend long hours walking through uplands, and drive field vehicles.

To Apply

All applicants must be a current student or a recent (12 month) graduate from a university. Send your cover letter, resume, and three professional references as one document to Ben Carlson (bcarlson@usgs.gov) by midnight March 18, 2017. Interviews may be requested before the application deadline. Please state your current academic status and available start and end dates (if applicable) in your cover letter.

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