

Freshwater Mussel Survey Technician: Oklahoma

Agency: Oklahoma State University, Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit

Location: Stillwater, OK

Job Category: Temporary/Seasonal Positions

Salary: \$15/hour; 40 hours/week

Start Date: 05/12/25-08/11/25 (negotiable)

Last Date to Apply: 3/21/25

Website: <https://www1.usgs.gov/coopunits/unit/Oklahoma>

Description

The OK Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit at Oklahoma State University is hiring two (2) freshwater mussel field techs to conduct work surveying for freshwater mussels in the Blue River. This project is funded by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Field techs will assist with freshwater mussel surveys and the collection of habitat data using sidescan sonar as well as eDNA sampling. This position will be based out of Stillwater, OK and does not include housing. However, qualified applicants living near study sites in Southern Oklahoma will be considered. Camping is required throughout the summer when mussel surveys occur. Hours will not exceed more than 40 hours per week. Weekly work schedules could vary depending on weather and river conditions.

Qualifications

Experience working with mussels is not required for this position but is preferred. Applicants must have a strong work ethic, positive attitude, work well with others, and be able to work outdoors in inclement weather. Prior experience working in the field and conducting biological surveys is highly desired.

Requirements

- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must be in good physical condition and able to canoe and swim/snorkel
- Must be comfortable operating on a flexible schedule that may change on short notice
- Must perform fieldwork in adverse field conditions (heat, insects, rain)
- University student or recent graduate in biological sciences or related fields.

APPLICATION: Applicants should email a cover letter, resume and the contact information of three references under a single PDF file to Pat Joyce at pjoyce@okstate.edu with “Freshwater Mussel Field Technician” in the subject line. The deadline for applications is March 21st and the review process will begin immediately. Please note your availability when applying.

Contact Person

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