



Field Technician

Agency: North Carolina Coastal Reserve and National Estuarine Research Reserve

Location: Wilmington, NC – UNCW Center for Marine Science

Job Category: Temporary

*Duration of
Employment:* March – December 2023 (*Start and end date flexible*)

Last date to apply: February 14, 2023

Description: One field technician position is needed to support biological and research monitoring programs with the NC Coastal Reserve and National Estuarine Research Reserve in southeast NC. Most of the work will take place at Masonboro Island and Zeke's Island Reserves and the position will be housed at the NC Coastal Reserve southern office at the UNCW Center for Marine Science. Activities and programs the field technician will contribute to include but are not limited to, small vessel operation and transport for staff and researchers, site maintenance, and supporting research staff with various monitoring projects.

The specific field technician responsibilities include: 1) Field activities: operating boats to provide transport for field staff; support research and stewardship staff with field operations and research, and various site maintenance activities such as sign and trail marker installation; 2) Data collection following specified protocols developed in partnership with NC Botanical Gardens to support Seabeach Amaranth surveys on Reserve sites and local beaches; data management and quality control; and submission of data to appropriate databases; 3) Support environmental monitoring activities; 4) Compliance with safety policies and practices; and 4) Property and equipment care: participate in proper use, care, and maintenance of the Reserve's property and equipment, including boats, tools, and electronics.

Qualifications: Minimum acceptable education is senior standing or recent graduate from an accredited university in a natural resources-related field such as biology, marine biology, conservation biology, or ecology. Graduate level education preferred. Small boat handling skills required. Previous experience with biological data collection is preferred.

General skills and capabilities desired: Attention to detail, ability and desire to work outdoors and in physically challenging field conditions, ability to walk up to 9 miles, comfortable with independent field work, and ability to lift 50 lbs. A skills test may be required.

Pay: This position is temporary for approximately 40 weeks at 40 hr/week. Rate of pay is \$15.00/hr.

Other notes: Successful candidate will be an employee of Temporary Solutions. Hours of work will vary depending on tides and weather. Early morning hours are required and will include significant independent work on a remote barrier island. Travel via personal vehicle to nearby beaches is required; mileage reimbursement will be provided.

To apply: Please send letter of interest, resume, and three professional references to Elizabeth Pinnix, elizabeth.pinnix@ncdenr.gov by Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

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