

Field Technician Job Announcement

N.C. Coastal Reserve and National Estuarine Research Reserve
Wilmington, NC

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Coastal Management's N.C. Coastal Reserve and National Estuarine Research Reserve (Reserve) is seeking a qualified individual to join the Reserve team as a Field Technician. This temporary position will work out of the Reserve's office at the University of North Carolina Wilmington's Center for Marine Science. The successful applicant will be an employee of Temporary Solutions and will work 30 hours/week, for 26 weeks May – November 2024. The pay range is set at \$16.00-\$18.00/hour, based on qualifications. Hours of work will vary depending on tides and weather. Early morning hours are required and the job will include significant independent work on a remote barrier island.

Core Responsibilities

One field technician is needed to support biological monitoring and stewardship activities with the Reserve in Wilmington, NC. Most of the work will take place at Masonboro Island and Zeke's Island Reserves with occasional travel to Bird Island Reserve, Bald Head Woods Reserve, and other nearby beaches in southeast NC. Activities and programs the field technician will contribute to include but are not limited to, small vessel operation, supporting species monitoring programs (such as sea turtles and seabeach amaranth), and general site maintenance.

Specific responsibilities include:

- 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;
- Data collection following specified protocols; data management and quality control; and submission of data to appropriate databases;
- Compliance with safety policies and practices; and
- Property and equipment care: participate in proper use, care, and maintenance of the Reserve's property and equipment, including boats, tools, and electronics.

Qualifications

Required knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- Minimum acceptable education is university senior standing or recent graduate from an accredited university in a natural resources-related field such as biology, marine biology, conservation biology, or ecology.
- Ability and desire to work outdoors and in physically challenging field conditions; ability to walk up to 9 miles and lift 40 lbs.
- Organized, detail-oriented, and able to multi-task and manage time to achieve project objectives, meet deadlines, and work independently and collaboratively.

Preferred skills:

- Previous experience with biological data collection and small boat operation is preferred.

Application Process

To apply, send a cover letter, résumé, and contact information for three professional references to Elizabeth Pinnix at elizabeth.pinnix@deq.nc.gov by 5:00 p.m. EST February 23, 2024.