

## *Job Notice*

### **FIELD ASSISTANT — SALT MARSH MONITORING 2023**

The Rhode Island Natural History Survey (RINHS) seeks a temporary **Field Assistant** for the 2023 summer season. This position is from June 12 through August 31, but may be extended into the fall depending on the applicant's availability and project progress. The job will average 21 hours per week but will vary from week to week, depending on tides and other factors; flexibility is preferred.

**DESCRIPTION:** The successful applicant will accompany the RINHS Wetlands Scientist and other collaborators on fieldwork and assist on a variety of tasks related to monitoring environmental conditions in salt marshes including installation of equipment and collecting data. The ideal candidate will have experience with fieldwork in wetland science, conservation biology, or field ecology and have or be working towards a bachelor's degree in a related field or have equivalent experience. Experience with spreadsheets is highly desirable. The work requires strenuous fieldwork in potentially inclement weather and difficult terrain. The preferred applicant will be able to carry 50lbs of equipment across 100m of uneven terrain. A working knowledge of RI's flora, fauna, and natural communities is preferred.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Evidence of interest in fieldwork in wetland science, conservation biology, field ecology
- Work towards a bachelor's degree in one of these subjects and/or experience working in one these fields
- Evidence of ability to work productively outside for long periods of time in a variety of weather conditions, and under adverse conditions
- Capability to carry 50lbs of equipment and do sometimes strenuous work
- Evidence of attention to detail and protocols
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Experience with Excel and Word; GPS experience is also preferred

**COVID:** The wetland assistant is required by the nature of his/her work to be in close proximity to other staff and collaborators. Proof of vaccination against COVID will be required of the successful candidate. If the successful candidate has a qualifying disability or exemption under the ADA, reasonable accommodations will be investigated and may require that he/she has a valid U.S. driver's license and reliable vehicle for solo travel, is able to wear a face covering, and other accommodations.

Pay is \$18/hour. This position is a term position ending in August 2023 (with potential for extension into the fall) and is not eligible for fringe benefits. The Field Assistant reports to the Wetlands Scientist and will be based in the RINHS offices in Kingston, RI but will travel throughout the state in the course of work. This is a fieldwork position. Substantial physical exertion and/or physical strain, sometimes in remote locations, difficult terrain, and inclement weather is required. Work environment involves exposure to job hazards where there is a possibility of injury and/or arthropod-borne disease. RINHS is an equal opportunity employer; women & minorities are encouraged to apply.

Review of applications will begin May 29, 2023 and continue until a suitable candidate is found. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and the names and contact information, including email and phone number, of three persons whom RINHS may contact regarding your experience and qualifications to "Wetlands Assistant" care of Kira Stillwell at [kstillwell@rinhs.org](mailto:kstillwell@rinhs.org).

The RI Natural History Survey is a private 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1994 to connect those knowledgeable of Rhode Island's animals, plants, and natural communities with each other and with those who can use that knowledge for research, education, and conservation. For more information visit [www.rinhs.org](http://www.rinhs.org).