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Subject: Field Technicians for Common Chuckwalla Behavioral Study (California)

Agency: California State University, Fullerton

Location: Boyd Deep Canyon Desert Reserve, Indian Wells CA Job Category: Temporary/Seasonal Positions Start Date: March 20th, 2016 Last Date to apply: February 20th, 2016

Description: Seeking 1 or 2 field technicians who will assist with a Master's project comparing seasonal thermoregulatory activity and habitat use of male and female common chuckwallas (*Sauromalus ater*) in the Mojave Desert (near Palm Springs). Technicians will assist in catching the lizards, fitting them with temperature data loggers and radio trackers, tracking them using radio telemetry, conducting doubly labeled water studies of metabolism and water turnover, and conducting daily observations of lizard behaviors.

The tentative start date is March 20th 2016. Field season is expected to last at least through July 15th, 2016, and may extend to the end of July.

Work may include long hours on some days, and may be up to six days a week. Housing will be provided at the Boyd Deep Canyon Reserve (approximately 15 minutes drive from Palm Springs) and there will be a stipend of around \$300-350 per week. Travel expenses to and from the Reserve not provided.

Qualifications:

Technicians must:

- Have experience conducting biological field research.
- Have the ability to work long hours in a hot, rocky desert environment.
- Have a valid Drivers license
- Be flexible with hours and be available to work throughout the entire field season.
- Have an interest in lizard ecology.
- Live & work in close quarters with others.

Preference will be given to applicants with experience:

- Using radio-telemetry
- Handling lizards

To apply, please provide a cover letter, resume, and the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of 3 professional references to Emily Sanchez (emilysanchez@csu.fullerton.edu).