

Subject: Entry-level seasonal field technician

The Knapp and Smith labs are seeking a highly motivated and detail-oriented technician to work on the Extreme Drought in the Grasslands Experiment (EDGE). The EDGE project investigates the impacts of climate change on the North American Grasslands by altering precipitation regimes. We are based in Fort Collins, but our four sites are located in Cheyenne, WY, Nunn, CO, Manhattan, KS and Hays, KS. Travel in and out of state is required. The field season and length of employment will run April 1st – October 31st, 2016.

Position Description

- Install and remove roof panels of greenhouse structures
- Works outdoors in remote locations- weather extremes of heat, rain, snow, wind, and biting insects (chiggers, ticks, and mosquitos)
- Install and collect response measurements
- In-lab sample processing and data entry
- Monitors and troubleshoots sensor network when problems arise
- Complete required travel paperwork on time
- Work more than 40hrs/ week as part of a flexible work arrangement, weekends sometimes required

Required Skills/Experience

- Bachelor's degree in one of the major Natural Sciences
- Knowledge of principles related to Botany
- Constant team orientation and a willingness for collaboration
- Familiarity with local and invasive plants of grasslands- plant identification at species and genus level
- Experience operating vehicles, often on unpaved roads (knowing how to drive manual is a bonus)
- Ability to communicate effectively with other team members
- Excellent organizational skills
- Able to carry heavy loads and 30+ lbs above head
- Ability to work with small power tools
- Exhibit safety awareness at all times
- Flexible work schedule- work is very weather dependent
- Enthusiasm for native grasses
- Possess a clean, valid, state-issued driver's license

Every effort has been made to make your job description as complete as possible. However, it in no way states or implies that these are the only duties you will be required to perform. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or is a logical assignment to the position.

Starting Pay- \$10/hour + more D.O.E.

To apply: please email your cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to Maddie.Shields@colostate.edu.

Position will remain open until filled.