

From: Mason Sieges
Subject: Seasonal Waterfowl Research Technicians

Ducks Unlimited seeks three highly-motivated research technicians to assist with waterfowl surveys from February 14, 2017 to August 18, 2017. A successful applicant should expect to participate in two separate research studies: 1) a waterfowl spring migration study in the Rainwater Basin of Nebraska (NE) and 2) a waterfowl productivity study assessing the impacts of energy development on duck pair and brood numbers in the Prairie Pothole Region of northwest North Dakota (ND) and northeast Montana. Field operations will be based out of Wood River, NE from February 14, 2017 – April 14, 2017 and then stationed out of Stanley, Donnybrook, or Crosby, ND until August 18, 2017.

Major responsibilities will include properly identifying duck and goose pairs to species and social groups and duck broods to species and age class. Successful applicants will be expected to work at least five days each week (i.e., 60-80 hours per week). Some weekend work will be required. Field work is physically and mentally demanding and takes place under challenging conditions. Therefore, only enthusiastic, dedicated individuals should apply. A strong interest in waterfowl and wetlands ecology, desire to spend long days and early mornings in the field, and determination to get the job done well is required. Inquisitive, detail-oriented, and self-motivated applicants are preferred. Experience identifying waterfowl and navigating using hard-copy maps are also preferred skills. Successful applicants will be expected to work safely and effectively in a rural setting without direct supervision. A valid driver's license and clean driving record is required.

Research technicians for this position will conduct a spring migration survey from approximately 14 February ~ 14 April, breeding pair surveys from 15 April ~ June 20, and brood surveys from 20 June ~ 18 August. Research technicians will be paid a competitive wage. Housing and work vehicles will be provided for this position at all locations.

To apply for this position, send a letter of interest, current resume, and daytime contact information (email and phone numbers) for at least three professional references to Mason Sieges at msieges@ducks.org. Additional application forms will be provided upon receipt of these documents.

Applications will be considered as they are received, and positions will remain open until filled.