



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I - AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I

POSITION NO: 22096368

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: March 24, 2025

Advertisement Closes: April 7, 2025

Full Time: No

Salary: \$39,925.00 - \$39,925.00 Annually

POSTING REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum Education and/or Experience:

The formal education equivalent of a high school diploma; plus two years of field experience in wildlife or fisheries management or forestry or land management, or a related area.

OTHER JOB RELATED EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ALL OR PART OF THESE BASIC REQUIREMENTS, EXCEPT FOR CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, UPON APPROVAL OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES CHIEF.

Preferred Education and/or Experience:

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Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

Knowledge of the procedures and methods used in wildlife management.

Knowledge of the equipment and techniques used to maintain buildings, grounds and equipment.

Knowledge of wildlife biology and the associated techniques used in wildlife management. Knowledge of agricultural methods and basic land laws.

Ability to identify common plants and animals found in Arkansas. Ability to collect biological samples.

Ability to use Microsoft Office Suite and Google Suite.

Ability to operate and maintain wildlife management equipment safely and effectively.

Preferred Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

- Ability to follow written and oral instructions
- Ability to utilize a variety of resources and techniques to educate and deliver information to the public
- Ability to operate a pickup truck and gooseneck trailer
- Possess knowledge of and be able to identify Arkansas fish
- Ability to discuss various angling techniques
- Have a general knowledge of AGFC regulations
- Ability to facilitate public presentations
- Experience working with and instructing people of all ages in educational activities and outdoor recreation both in the classroom and outdoor settings
- Ability to work with children
- Job is physically demanding at times and requires the ability to lift over 50 pounds
- Must be available to work weekends and holidays

POSTING DETAILS:

Position Location:

City: Lonoke

Office: Joe Hogan Fish Hatchery

Division: Education

Job Summary:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Biological Technician I is responsible for habitat and maintenance projects on Wildlife Management Areas. This position is governed by state and federal laws and agency/institution policy.

Typical Functions:

- Assists program coordinators, habitat biologists, and field biologists in the planning, preparation, and implementation of wildlife habitat management and maintenance projects on wildlife management areas
- Conducts wildlife and habitat management activities on wildlife management areas.
- Monitors and operates wildlife management areas infrastructure, including levees, roads, parking lots, water control structures, waterways, campsites, etc.
- Conduct operations in compliance with state and federal regulations such as fire safety, accident prevention, vehicle operation, pesticide application and waterway drainage.
- Monitors assigned wildlife management areas for invasive species and assists in control efforts.
- Collects or assists in collecting biological samples and entering data. Collects biological data for wildlife monitoring and research.
- Calibrates and operates wildlife management equipment, such as seed drills, planters, weed eaters, chainsaws, lawn mowers, ATVs, boats, tractors, dozers, backhoes, rollers, sprayers and others as necessary.
- Serves as a member of the agency's prescribed burn program and assists with the implementation of prescribed burns on state-managed WMAs. Specific physical fitness demands for prescribed burning are required.
- Cleans, maintains, prepares, and supplies work areas.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

This position educates the public about multiple areas of fish, fishing, and other aquatic flora and fauna found in Arkansas. Outreach efforts include programming for events, school lessons, fishing derbies, clinics, seminars, and public groups. Successful applicant must know native aquatic wildlife and be able to handle and care for live fish and reptiles. Towing a trailer-mounted aquarium with live fish offsite to educate the community is a responsibility.

The successful candidate will also:

- Maintain commission equipment and education animal habitat tanks
- Serve the public by working with agency staff and partners to promote aquatic education and conservation initiatives
- Be able to travel overnight, as required
- Be willing to work weekends and some holidays
- Have a valid driver's license with a good driving record
- Be willing to undergo a criminal background check

Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

Must possess a valid Arkansas driver's license.

Special Job Dimensions:

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Other Specific Information:

As an equal opportunity employer, the Commission will make any reasonable accommodations necessary to ensure equal employment opportunities.