

## **Job Announcement**

### **Student Services Contract - Biological Science Technician**

#### **Agency**

United States Department of the Interior  
U.S. Geological Survey

#### **Duty Station Location**

Fort Collins Science Center  
2150 Centre Ave Bldg C  
Fort Collins, CO 80526

**PLEASE NOTE:** Duty Station is Fort Collins, CO but **\*\*the contractor will be located in and conduct work in Madison, WI\*\*.**

**Contract Dates:** Approx. 1 April 2021 through 30 June 2021, though opportunities may extend up to a 2-year duration.

**To apply:** Submit one-page cover letter, resume, and attachments in a single pdf to [jmola@usgs.gov](mailto:jmola@usgs.gov) by **19 February 2021**

#### **Introduction**

The USGS Fort Collins Science Center is conducting studies to aide in the recovery of the endangered rusty patched bumblebee to better understand pollinator populations. Work on this topic includes field studies, data analysis, modeling, and genetics.

#### **Types of Service Required**

The student contractor(s) shall assist on projects related to bumblebee conservation including, identification of bees, mapping of nest sites, collection of samples for pollen and genetic analysis, and rapid habitat assessments. Additional tasks may include implementation of targeted experimental studies on bees, writing reports, and analysis of data depending on experience and interest. The work schedule will vary from part-time to 40 hours per week. Flexible scheduling is possible.

#### **Required Expertise/Skills**

Progress on or recent completion (within 12 months) of a bachelor's or graduate degree is required. Ability to conduct field work in both urban and rural habitats. Experience working with native bees, and ability to develop skills in making sight-IDs of bumblebees. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen. Proficiency in data collection and organization.

Desired (but not required): Progress toward a graduate degree in ecology, entomology, or related field. Experience working with midwestern bumblebees, especially federally listed *Bombus affinis*. Familiarity programming in R.

#### **Description of Working Conditions**

Work will be performed at field sites near Madison, WI.

#### **Compensation**

\$17-\$24/hr. Compensation is commensurate with the level of education and experience and is based on federal pricing tables for student contractor services.

**Application Requirements**

Cover letter should be a brief statement of interest about the position along with any supporting statements about educational preparedness, career interests, etc. Resume should include: legal name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, education – including description of relevant classes, work or volunteer experience in related field. Other documentation: Transcript listing courses taken and the student's overall GPA. Transcript does not have to be the official version. Student must be enrolled at least part-time in school or have graduated within the last 12 months.

**Special Terms**

For all legal purposes, student is regarded as an independent contractor. Payments for services are reportable and taxable as earned income. No Federal, State, or Local income taxes will be deducted. No social security or Medicare taxes will be deducted. Student is responsible for payment of all taxes as a result of income received under this order. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will report the total amount paid under this order to the Internal Revenue Service on a Standard form 1099. The student is not considered an employee and will not receive a W-2 form. For payment, student must have a checking or savings account at a financial institution that will accept direct deposits.

Student will be required to complete computer security awareness training and comply with the USGS Computer and Network Security Handbook.

The USGS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, fitness, and qualifications without regard to race, sex, color, religion, age, marital status, national origin, non-disqualifying handicap conditions, sexual orientation, or any other non-merit factors. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities.

**Contact Information**

The work will be overseen by Ian Pearse and John Mola. For questions, contact John Mola at [jmola@usgs.gov](mailto:jmola@usgs.gov).

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