Field Research Assistant – Bat Maternity Roosting study


We are inviting applications from enthusiastic and motivated individuals to assist with research into the ecology of bat maternity colonies in the Okanagan and Kootenay regions of BC. The position(s) will involve working directly with the Graduate student researcher to complete daily fieldwork tasks. The anticipated employment term is May 1st – August 31st, 2019.

Qualifications:
- Capable of working long or unusual hours (at night);
- Genuine and demonstrated enthusiasm for field work, animal ecology and conservation;
- Positive attitude, strong work ethic and sense of humour;
- Physically fit (hiking and carrying moderately heavy equipment may be required);
- Strong communication skills;
- Able to work independently, meticulous and organized;
- Successful candidates will be required to complete a (free) online animal ethics course prior to commencing field work;
- Comfortable handling bats;
- Rabies vaccinations are required for successful candidates. If you are not currently vaccinated, vaccines will need to be arranged well in advance of commencing field work. Proof of existing rabies vaccination (vaccination record or proof of blood titer) must be provided.
- Full-time TRU students eligible for UREAP awards are strongly encouraged to apply.

Assets:
While not required, preference will be given to candidates meeting some, or all, of the following criteria:

- Previous experience with mist-netting and handling bats (not necessary as thorough training will be provided);
- Previously vaccinated against rabies and/or have proof of blood titer within the last two years;
- Previous field experience;
- Experience with data management;
- Class 5 driver’s license;
- TRU students eligible for UREAP funding.
Expectations and Position Details:

Biology does not just happen 9 am – 5 pm and work schedules may (will) be dependent on weather, moon phase and seasonal timing. Applicants should anticipate a need for flexibility with respect to scheduling and time off. A willingness to accommodate shifting schedules is expected.

- Study sites are located in the Okanagan and the Kootenay regions. Currently advertised as a single full-time summer position, the position may be split into two part-time positions, depending on the applications received. Ideally, assistants would be regional (one living/working in the Okanagan area and one living/working in the Kootenay region) and able to work part-time (one-two weeks at a time). Travel between study sites during the work term will be provided.
- Food and any other personal expenses are the responsibility of the successful candidate.
- Compensation will be commensurate with experience and will be discussed during the interview process. Candidates are encouraged to apply for UREAP funding (if applicable) to augment the stipend.

Interested candidates with questions about the position, and those wishing to apply, may do so by email to: Susan Dulc (dulcs18@mytru.ca). Please indicate clearly how you meet the position criteria in your application. Include a brief cover letter and resume (clearly indicating how you meet the position criteria), references and contact information in your application. Local candidates are welcome to visit me in person at the Research Centre.