

University of Florida - Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Wildlife Research Lab Volunteer (part-time, temporary)

The University of Florida's Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation invites applications for the part-time (approximately 10 hours per week), temporary (up to 4 months) position of Wildlife Research Lab Volunteer. We are looking 1-2 volunteers to assist with a Sherman's fox squirrel study under the supervision of a graduate student managing the project: <http://www.themccleerylab.org/neon-sites.html>



Location: The work will occur at the University of Florida campus with office space in Newins-Ziegler Hall, with some remote work possible after training.

Dates: The position will start as soon as possible (January 2019) and is expected to last approximately 2 to 4 months. Hours and schedule can be negotiated, but we prefer a commitment of 10 hours per week.

Job Duties: Responsibilities will include assisting with data collection from videos of fox squirrel behavior in various environments using free Solomon Coder software and data management. This work is essential for a larger research project to understand fox squirrel personalities and their potential effect on fox squirrel movement behavior and habitat selection. Applicants must be able to work independently after training and as a part of a team (coordinating with other volunteers), follow detailed instructions and protocols, neatly and accurately record data, and be willing to cope with tedious, repetitive data collection tasks. For an example of our behavioral videos, see a short clip here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6X3g6TJW7g&index=6&list=PL60n7pWnNscvnEUfM0WwnDQO6ZIYfXKpx&t=0s>

Qualifications: Applicants should have a background in wildlife biology, ecology, or a related field and/or making progress towards a degree in one of these fields. Previous lab/research experience, data management experience, and an interest in animal behavior is highly preferred. Experience analyzing videos for behavioral data collection is preferred but not required.

Wages/compensation: None. However, applicants may discuss other opportunities such as a mentoring relationship, assistance with resumes and career advice, networking, a senior thesis, possible co-authorship of a manuscript resulting from this work, etc. Please mention your interest in these or other possibilities in your cover letter.

How to apply: A single document titled “**LastName_FirstName**” (e.g., “Doe_Jane” for Jane Doe) with a cover letter (1 page maximum), resume (2 pages maximum), and contact information for 3 references should be sent by email to Catherine Frock (cffrock@ufl.edu) with the email subject line of “**2019 Spring Lab Volunteer**.” If applications do not contain the requested items, they will not be considered. Please indicate any non-negotiable work/schedule conflicts that you anticipate during the starting and ending dates listed in this advertisement. Questions concerning this position should be referred to Cat Frock (cffrock@ufl.edu) via email. Positions will be filled as soon as possible when a suitable applicant is identified.