Job Description

Job Title: PCSU Endangered Seabird Field Assistant

Job ID: 29062

Project Name: Pacific Coop Studies Unit

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Regular/Temporary: Regular

MINIMUM MONTHLY SALARY: $2,200 - $2,400/Mon.

DUTIES: Assists in carrying out research and management activities for the recovery of Kauai's threatened and endangered seabirds, with emphasis on Newell's Shearwater (Puffinus auricularis newelli) and Hawaiian Petrel (Pterodroma sandwichensis). Conducts surveys to document the pattern of Newell’s Shearwater and Hawaiian Petrel movement between breeding colonies and the sea, by using modified marine radar, visual surveys (with binocular, scope and night-vision) and auditory point counts. Performs predator management tasks, including baiting and trapping. Performs data entry, organization, and preliminary analyses of field data (auditory point counts, visual surveys, ornithological radar). Assists in coordinating aspects of the field research, including logistics and working with land management agencies and project partners. Performs effective public outreach, such as publication in appropriate service outlets and professional journals. Operates a motor vehicle and a variety of equipment for field studies.

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS: EDUCATION: One to three (1-3) years of college level biological sciences coursework from an accredited college or university. EXPERIENCE: One to three (1-3) years of (paid or volunteer) experience in biological fieldwork (Volunteer experience must be documented and verifiable). Demonstrated experience with one or more of the following: seabird monitoring methods, auditory point counts, operating ornithological radar, visual survey methods of seabirds at sea, predator management near seabird colonies. ABIL/KNOW/SKILLS: Working knowledge of the principles of avian population ecology and conservation, particularly colonial nesting seabirds. Ability and skills in techniques of avian population ecology. Ability to operate modified marine radar. Ability to perform data manipulation and analysis using Microsoft Office and other software programs, and preliminary analyses. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Possess a valid driver’s license. Must be able to identify individual birds by color bands and locate birds by their calls. Must be able to navigate in remote off-trail conditions. Post Offer/Employment Conditions: Must be able to complete basic helicopter safety course within period of hire. Must have Level II First Aid certificate or ability to complete equivalent within first 12 month-period from hiring date. Must be able to pass a post offer criminal background check. PHYSICAL/MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS: Ability to hike four (4) miles on obscure trails with thirty to forty (30-40) pound backpack and live and work in isolated field camps under primitive conditions.

SECONDARY QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four (4) year college or university in Biological Sciences. Strong interest and background training in seabird ecology, particularly forest-nesting, and burrowing. Small boat experience. Experience working in remote areas. Experience working with Hawaiian seabirds. Familiarity with native Hawaiian flora and fauna.
and local conservation issues. Experience with use of Geographic Information System (GIS) software
(Arcview etc.). Experience with use of data bases (Access), spreadsheets (Excel) and
statistical software (e.g.Mini-tab, etc). Familiarity with Kauai.

INQUIRIES: Nicholas Holmes 338-1361 (Kauai).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: The preferred method of applying for a job is through our on-line
application process. Please go to www.rcuh.com, click on “Employment” and navigate to “Job
Announcements/Apply for a Job.” However, if you do not have access to the Internet, you may apply
by submitting resume; cover letter including Recruitment ID#, referral source, narrative of your
qualifications for position and salary history; names, phone numbers and addresses of three
supervisory references and copy of degree(s)/transcripts/certificate(s) to qualify for position by fax
(808) 956-5022 or mail to Director of Human Resources, Research Corporation of the University of
Hawaii, 2530 Dole Street, Sakamaki Hall D-100, Honolulu, HI 96822 before the closing date. If you
have questions on the application process and/or need assistance, please call (808)956-3100.
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Please apply before: 02/23/2009