

United States  
Department of the Interior  
U. S. Geological Survey  
Western Fisheries Research Center  
Temporary Recruitment Bulletin

**Announcement #WFRC-2016-001**

**Position:** Biological Science Technician, GG-0404-04, GG-0404- 05, GG-0404-06, GG-0404-07  
**Opens:** April 21, 2016 07:00am, PST  
**Closes:** May 6, 2016 05:00pm, PST

**Salary :** GG-4 \$14.80 per hour  
GG-5 \$16.56 per hour  
GG-6 \$18.46 per hour  
GG-7 \$20.51 per hour

**Type of Appt:** Temporary, Not-to-Exceed 180 working days; Initial Appointment Not-to Exceed 6 Months  
**Work Schedule:** Full Time  
**Location:** Seattle, WA

**Area of Consideration:**All U.S. Citizens, Age 18 or older\*

THIS IS A TEMPORARY EXCEPTED SERVICE POSITION for which all qualified applicants, with or without Federal status may apply and be considered. Appointment to this position, however, will not convey permanent status in the Federal service. **Appointment will only be for the duration of the position, normally 6 months.** Temporary employees are covered by the Social Security Retirement system; annual and sick leave will be accrued; and employees. Under the regulation to expand FEHB coverage, employees on temporary appointments, who are expected to work at least 130 hours per month or more for at least 90 days will be eligible to enroll in an FEHB plan.

**Duties:** Performs technical work in a laboratory of field environment in support of professional or technical employees engaged in data collection activities or analysis of biological data collection activities or analysis of biological samples. Responsible for A) operation of Windows XP computers, and other electronic equipment such as, but not limited to, Global Positioning Systems, radar, depth finders, and marine band radio; B) navigation of large river/reservoirs using a combination of radar and navigation markers; C) record data accurately and precisely under adverse weather conditions, and with a minimum of supervision; D) vehicle and boat operation and basic maintenance; E) fish handling in support of tagging activity; F) implant fish with various marking devices.

**Physical Demands:** The work is generally performed outdoors in remote, mountainous terrain, and involves moderate or sometimes extreme exposure to the discomforts of rain, cold/hot weather, and rapidly running or icy streams and rivers. Extensive, sometimes strenuous, hiking with backpacks will be required. Special safety precautions are required in many cases, and the employee may typically wear life jackets, special safety boots, waders and operate an ATV. Applicant must have correctable vision and hearing and be able to lift at least 40 pounds. This position is subject to overtime work and overnight travel.

**Select one for Grade Recruited: Qualifications:**

- GG-4** Field Survey Party Experience - 6 months; **or**  
Subprofessional Experience - 2 years; **or**  
College work related to Field of Employment - 1 year of college study
- GG-5** Field Survey Party Experience - 9 months; **or**  
Sub professional Experience - 3 years; **or**  
College work related to Field of Employment - 3 years college study (equivalent 90 semester/135 quarter hours) plus 3 months of lab or field work experience. (Satisfactory completion of a field course of study may be substituted for the 3 months of field/lab experience.)
- GG-6** Field Survey Party Experience – 1 year 9 months; or  
Sub professional Experience - 4 years; or  
College work related to Field of Employment – 4 years of college study plus 3 months lab or field work experience.
- GG-7** Field Survey Party Experience - 2 year, and 9 months; **or**  
Sub professional Experience - 5 years; **or**  
College work related to Field of Employment - 5 years college study (with 18 hours of graduate level course work or equivalent) plus 3 months of lab or field work experience. (Satisfactory completion of a field course of study may be substituted for the 3 months of field/lab experience.)

**Basis of Evaluation:** All applicants will be evaluated on the basis of education and experience (including unpaid or volunteer experience). Applicants must meet all qualifications and eligibility requirements by the closing date of this announcement.

**Note:** Applicants will receive a basic eligible or ineligible rating based upon the qualification requirements. First preference in referral will be given to eligible applicants entitled to 10 point veteran's preference who have a compensable service-connected disability of 10 percent or more. All other qualified applicants entitled to Veterans preference will be given preference over qualified applicants not entitled to veteran's preference.

All applicants must be United States Citizens. Under regulations contained in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, employment in this position is limited to those persons who are authorized to work in the United States. Verification of employment eligibility will be required at the time of appointment.

As a condition of employment, all new employees reporting for duty with the Department of the Interior will be paid through direct deposit to a financial institution of their choice.

Applicants selected for Federal employment will be required to complete a Declaration of Federal Employment, OF-306, prior to being appointed to determine their suitability for Federal employment and to authorize a background investigation. Failure to answer all questions truthfully and completely or providing false statements on the application may be grounds for not hiring the applicant, or for firing the applicant after he/she begins work. Also, he/she may be punished by fine or imprisonment (U.S. code, Title 18, section 1001).

Prior to or at the time of appointment, male applicants born after December 31, 1959, will have to certify that they have registered with the Selective Service System in order to be appointed to a position with the United States Geological Survey, unless legally qualified for an exception.

Because this position requires travel for official business, the selectee will be required to apply for a charge card within 30 calendar days of appointment. Individuals who have delinquent account balances from a previous Government charge card will be required to satisfy their existing obligation before a new card can be issued.

Employees of the U.S. Geological Survey are subject to the provisions of Title 43, U.S. code, Section 31 (a) and may not

according to this legislation and related regulation: (A) have any personal or private interest, direct or indirect, in lands or mineral wealth of such lands or a region under survey and whose title is in the U.S.; (B) execute surveys or examination for private parties or corporations; or (C) have personal or private interest, direct or indirect, in any private mining or mineral enterprise doing business in the U.S. except where specifically authorized by the director of the U.S. Geological Survey.

**How to apply:** Carefully read all information and instructions. It is the responsibility of the applicant to insure the application is completed. The personnel office will not be responsible for soliciting additional information from applicants or from official personnel records, but will consider individuals based on their applications as submitted.

Submit a resume. Also, please submit college transcript or list of college course, specifying title of course work, completion date, semester or quarter hours earned by course title, and grade earned. State which announcement number and grade level you are applying for.

If claiming 5 point veteran's preference, a DD-214 showing character of discharge is required. If claiming 10 point veteran's preference, a SF-15 with proof of claim is required.

### **The following must be included in your application form:**

#### **JOB INFORMATION:**

- Announcement number, title, and grade(s) of the job for which you are applying.

#### **PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

- Full name, mailing address (with zip code) and day and evening phone numbers (with area code)
- Date of Birth
- Country of Citizenship
- Veterans preference (with supporting documentation, DD-214)
- Highest Federal civilian grade held (also give job series and dates held)

#### **EDUCATION:**

- High school (name, address, including zip code if known)
- Colleges and universities (address including zip code if known)
  - Majors
  - Type and year of any degrees received (if no degree, show total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hours)
- Send a copy of your college transcripts or list of college courses completed. Specify title of course, semester or quarter hours earned for each course, date completed, grade earned.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Give the following information on your paid and non-paid work experience related to the job for which you are applying (do not send job descriptions)

- Job Title (include series and grade if Federal job)
- Duties and Accomplishments
- Employers name and address
- Supervisors name and phone number
- Starting and ending dates with Month and Year (Example: Feb 2001 thru Jan 2002)
- Hours worked per week (e.g., 40 hr/wk, 20 hr/wk, etc.)
- Salary
- Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor

#### **OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Job-related training courses (title, length, date taken)

- Job-related skills (IE., other languages, computer software/hardware, tools, machinery, typing speed)
- Job-related honors, awards, and special accomplishments (IE, publications, memberships in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, and performance awards). Give details but do not send documents unless requested.

**APPLICATIONS, WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE AND TIME SHOWN ON THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE CONSIDERED.**

This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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.

\*Applicants must be at least 18 years of age or 16 years of age and have met one of the following: graduated from high school or been awarded a certificate equal to graduating from high school; or have completed a formal vocational training program; or have received a statement from school authorities agreeing with their preference for employment rather than continuing their education; or be currently enrolled in a secondary school and either work only during school vacation periods or work part-time during the school year under a formal student employment program. Applications may be considered from individuals who meet one of the previous conditions and reach the age of 16 prior to or on the date they report to work.

The person selected is required to provide proof of a valid State drivers license (a copy of the license is adequate) and a copy of his/her driving record prior to employment.

**Where to Apply:**

**Applications must be received by 5:00 pm, PST, May 6, 2016:**

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It is against the law to submit applications for employment using government franked envelopes or mail services (18 USC 1719). All such applications will not be considered. Applications may be mailed, faxed, or sent via automated mail systems by the closing date and time to be considered. To assure your personal information is protected, do not include your Social Security Number when emailing your documents.