

JOB OPPORTUNITY – STUDENT TECHNICIAN POSITION (STREAM ECOLOGY)

The USDA-ARS, Soil Drainage Research Unit in Columbus, Ohio is accepting applications for one student technician position for the upcoming semester (Autumn 2017). We are seeking motivated students interested in pursuing a career in stream ecology, fisheries ecology, or environmental science. The student will gain research experience by assisting with research projects examining the responses of fishes and amphibians within agricultural streams to conservation and drainage practices intended to reduce nutrient, pesticide, and sediment loadings. Primary job duties will include, but are not limited to: 1) assisting with field sampling of fishes, amphibians, and other aquatic animals; 2) assisting with field measurements of instream, geomorphology, and riparian habitat variables; and 3) assisting with collection of water samples for the measurements of nutrients, pesticides, and turbidity.

On-the-job training will be provided so that students can perform the expected duties of the position. The position is a part time position to help on an as needed basis with fall sampling from September to November. Preference will be given to students who can work at least one full day during the work week from Monday to Friday. Pending the availability of funding there is the possibility that the students will have the opportunity to assist with spring sampling in May 2018.

To apply please email your resume, a copy of your academic transcripts (for OSU students an advising report will suffice), and a statement (no more than three pages single spaced) that describes your career goals and why you are interested in this position to Dr. Rocky Smiley (rocky.smiley@ars.usda.gov). ***A review of applications will begin on August 14, 2017 and will continue until suitable candidates are found.***

The Soil Drainage Research Unit develops and demonstrates integrated water management, crop management, and conservation practice systems. For further information on the ARS Soil Drainage Research Unit's headwater stream ecology research program see the following webpage:

<https://www.ars.usda.gov/midwest-area/columbus-oh/soil-drainage-research/people/peter-smiley/>

Additionally, for general information on the Soil Drainage Research Unit - see the following webpage:

www.ars.usda.gov/main/site_main.htm?modecode=36-04-00-00

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