**Job Announcement**

**Student Services Contract - Biological Science Technician**

**Agency**

United States Department of the Interior

U.S. Geological Survey

**Duty Station Location**

USGS Brown Treesnake Project, Guam National Wildlife Refuge, Ritidian Point

**Contract Dates Approx. 15 March 2020 – 13 March 2021**

 (actual dates employed to be determined)

**Submit resume and attachments by 16 January 2020**

**Introduction**

The Invasive Species Branch of the USGS Fort Collins Science Center includes research focused on invasive reptiles, specifically control tool development and validation, ecology and impacts, and prevention and rapid response.

**Types of Service Required**

The student contractor shall manage logistics and conduct fieldwork for a project examining retention of external radiotransmitters on small lizards (skinks) on Guam, including project prep, field, lab, and office work, and data entry. Field data collection shall occur both during the day and at night. Study site preparation may require the use of brush cutting equipment, power saws, and other equipment. Duties also include accurate data entry. Flexible scheduling is possible. The individual must be comfortable handling and euthanizing reptiles, and conducting dissections post-mortem.

**Required Expertise/Skills**

Completion of one or more years of college education in a biology-related field is required. Field, lab and computer work are required. Candidate shall have familiarity with ecological data and understanding of ecological concepts. The meticulous collection of field data and data entry is required while adhering to scientific and safety protocols. Applicants must be able to drive a government vehicle and have a clean driving record. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.

**Description of Working Conditions**

All work will be performed at the USFWS Guam National Wildlife Refuge. Applicants must be able to walk over rough terrain, carry up to 25 lbs. of equipment, and have a tolerance of climatic extremes in mosquito and spider infested areas.

**Compensation**

Compensation is commensurate with the level of education and experience and is based on federal pricing tables for student contractor services.

**Application Requirements**

Resume should include: legal name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, education – including description of relevant classes, work or volunteer experience in related field. Other documentation: Transcript listing courses taken and the student’s overall GPA. Transcript does not have to be the official version. Student must be enrolled at least part-time in college or have graduated within the last 12 months. A written statement from registrar’s office to identify intent to remain enrolled in the next college term is required for selected individuals.

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**Special Terms**

For all legal purposes, student is regarded as an independent contractor. Payments for services are reportable and taxable as earned income. No Federal, State, or Local income taxes will be deducted. No social security or Medicare taxes will be deducted. Student is responsible for payment of all taxes as a result of income received under this order. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will report the total amount paid under this order to the Internal Revenue Service on a Standard form 1099. The student is not considered an employee and will not receive a W-2 form. For payment, student must have a checking or savings account at a financial institution that will accept direct deposits.

Student will be required to complete all required trainings for safety, security, etc; these trainings will be assigned after selection of candidates.

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. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities.

**Contact Information**

Submit application and any questions to Robert Reed. For questions, contact him at reedr@usgs.gov or 970.226.9464.

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