

Position Announcement: OPS Biological Science Technician, Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants, University of Florida

Review of Applicants begins on Nov 29, 2021 and will continue until a suitable candidate is hired

Position Overview

Organization: University of Florida/Institute Food and Agriculture Science (UF/IFAS), Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants and the Mid Florida Research and Education Center are pleased to announce this joint OPS Biological Science Technician opportunity.

Position Description: We are seeking applications to fill an OPS Biological Science Technician position jointly shared between the UF/IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants and the Mid Florida Research and Education Center (MREC). The position will be housed at the MREC which is located near Orlando, Florida. This is an exciting opportunity to pursue applied and basic research relating to invasive plant biology and weed management in Florida. This position will be an initial 12-month appointment with a possible extension of two additional years. This position will be under the co-supervision of Drs. Stephen Enloe and Chris Marble.

The successful applicant will work at the MREC and throughout south and central Florida to coordinate, implement, and manage research studies on weedy and invasive plant species on public and private lands. The work environment is a combination of field, greenhouse, and office work but significant time will be spent outdoors in hot, humid, remote areas. The successful candidate may be required to lift up to 50 lbs.

Duties will include the following: Managing greenhouse ornamental weed control studies, coordinating access to field sites, establishing field research plots, conducting vegetation surveys, mixing and applying herbicide treatments, and collecting, summarizing, and reporting data. The successful candidate must be meticulous in treatment application and data collection to ensure high quality research that translates into meaningful outcomes for weed management.

Qualifications: Required qualifications: A B.S. degree in biology, horticulture, ecology, botany, natural resource management or a closely related field. The successful candidate must possess good interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills. The ability to work independently in the physically demanding environments of Florida is essential. Some knowledge of the flora of Florida and strong plant identification skills are also required. Knowledge and experience with basic geospatial tools is also essential. The individual must be able to work with a wide variety of constituents, be self-motivated and be able to work without close supervision. Considerable in-state travel in Florida will be required.

Salary and benefits: \$25.00/hr

Starting Date: The position is available immediately

Additional information: MREC is located in the Orlando metropolitan area, northwest Orange county and 15 miles from a diverse, multi-cultural downtown and right next to Lake Apopka, one of Florida's largest and encompassing the world famous North Shore wildlife refuge. Housing is affordable and widely available.

Instructions to Apply: To apply for this position, please submit your application by email to sfenloe@ufl.edu. Applicants must submit: 1) a cover letter explaining your interest in the position and describing your relevant skill set; 2) a resume; and 3) the names and contact information for three references (References will be requested following review of applicants). Questions regarding the position should be emailed to Dr. Stephen Enloe sfenloe@ufl.edu or Dr. Chris Marble (marblesc@ufl.edu).

Selected candidate will be required to provide an official transcript upon hire. A transcript will not be considered "official" if a designation of "Issued to Student" is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#).

If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call 352-392-2477 or the Florida Relay System at 800-955-8771 (TDD). Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the US. The University of Florida is a public institution and subject to all requirements under Florida Sunshine and Public Record laws.

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