



Organization: Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (OTCC), Peterborough, Ontario.

Position: Field Technician

Application Due Date: 1 March 2021

Start Date: 1 May 2021 (subject to change based on funding)

Compensation: Subject to funding availability. This position will take place at a field site that is approximately a 2 hour drive from Peterborough. Rustic accommodations provided for the duration of the work term. May also involve camping.

Position Details

This project is part of a multi-year study aimed at determining the effectiveness of headstarting as a conservation tool. The Field Technicians will be under the supervision of the Lead Field Technician. Duties will vary throughout the season and will include:

- Navigating a pristine field site, including open water and marshes, in canoes (including portaging), and on foot. Site consists of rough terrain and a network of wetlands with few man-made trails or paths present.
- Processing (measuring, weighing, notching) turtles
- Radio telemetry and mark-recapture surveys
- Data collection and data entry
- Public outreach, and volunteer training/coaching

Qualifications:

- **Applicants should outline their eligibility for funding through Canada Summer Jobs as it lines up with the following requirements:**
 - Be between the ages of 15 and 30 on the start date of the position.
 - Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or must have refugee status.
 - Have a valid SIN number and be legally entitled to work in Canada.
- Ability to work in a remote location with minimal supervision in all forms of weather (e.g. high summer temperatures, heavy rain); working long hours, nights and weekends may be required to suit project needs.
- Ability to navigate in remote locations using a handheld GPS unit and maps.
- Comfortable working in and around water for extended periods of time, ability to swim, and strong canoeing skills.
- Ability to follow technical protocols, and exceptional problem solving skills.
- Ability to complete tasks independently and work and live as part of a team while maintaining a positive attitude.
- Excellent data collection skills, highly motivated, analytical and detail oriented; creative.



- Strong interest in conservation biology and Ontario wildlife; comfortable handling turtles.
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to share technical information to a wide variety of audiences.
- Willingness to comply with health and safety regulations and animal care protocols.
- Previous experience with identification, surveying for, and handling of Ontario reptiles an asset.
- Valid First Aid training, or the willingness to obtain training prior to the start date an asset.
- Access to a vehicle **strongly** preferred, as the site is not accessible otherwise.

Please email your application (cover letter and resume in *one* PDF file) to fieldwork@ontarioturtle.ca with "OTCC Field Technician Application 2021" in the subject line of the email.

We thank all applicants; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.