Research Technician in Aquatic Ecology
The Ohio State University
Aquatic Ecology Laboratory
Columbus, OH

Responsibilities. One full-time position for a research assistant is available for a field- and laboratory-based research project on the Lake Erie walleye population. The project will assess current zooplankton quality and the effects of differing food quality on larval and juvenile walleye. Duties will include extensive field sampling for larval fish, eggs, zooplankton, and phytoplankton during February through May. During other times of the year, duties will include sample processing (e.g., larval fish identification and diets, zooplankton identification), data entry and analysis, and assisting with experiments. Additionally, depending on experience, the position will allow for involvement in data analysis, manuscript writing, and undergraduate student mentorship.

Qualifications: Applicants must have completed a bachelor’s degree in a field related to biology, ecology, environmental science, or similar, and further education and/or experience is preferred. Candidates must be self-motivated and able to work with a variety of people. Successful candidates must be able to conduct field sampling from a boat in rough conditions, be flexible enough to spend extended periods (multiple days) at research sites on Lake Erie, be willing to use a microscope for extended periods, and be willing and capable of performing standard laboratory procedures. Prior field and laboratory experience is preferred, but not mandatory.

Salary: $12.00 - $15.00/hr, depending on experience, including a comprehensive benefits package.

Closing: Application review will begin immediately and will continue until suitable applicant is found. The position will last 1 year with possible extension, with a start date as soon as possible.

How to apply: Please submit a cover letter, CV, (unofficial) college transcripts, and names/contacts for three references via email. Address applications and further inquiries to Zoe Almeida (almeida.25@osu.edu; Phone: (614)292-1613). See http://www.ael.osu.edu/ to learn more about the Aquatic Ecology Laboratory.