



## Position Announcement National Park Service Great Lakes Network

### Summer 2021 Bat Research Positions

**Locations:** Seven summer research technician positions are available. Each technician will be stationed at one of the following locations:

- Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Wisconsin (APIS)
- Indiana Dunes National Park, Indiana (INDU)
- Isle Royale National Park, Michigan (ISRO)
- Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, Minnesota (MISS)
- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Michigan (PIRO)
- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan (SLBE)
- Voyageurs National Park, Minnesota (VOYA)

**Duration:** Approximately May 24<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, or not to exceed 560 hours. Exact starting and ending dates are negotiable, but all employees must be in the field June 1 through August 15.

**Pay:** Pay rate is \$10.80/hour. In addition, a housing reimbursement for up to \$1000 will be available for technicians stationed at APIS, INDU, MISS, PIRO, SLBE, and VOYA. Housing will be provided at ISRO at no cost to the employee.

**Description and Duties:** Selected applicants will be employed by Northland College (Principal Investigator – Dr. Erik Olson). Employees will be part of a larger project, directed by the National Park Service's Great Lakes Inventory & Monitoring Network and a North Dakota State University wildlife biologist (Katy Goodwin).

The employee will be responsible for setting up and maintaining automated acoustic recording devices at 20 to 30 locations around the assigned national park. The job will require locating specific sites using a GPS, maps, and photographs. The employee will plan weekly schedules, navigate to sites using a variety of methods (vehicle, boat, and hiking), secure the resulting data, manage large electronic files, and safely transfer the data to a central server. In addition to the bat acoustics project, the employee may be assigned other duties in natural resources. A short report will be required at the end of the field season.

Field work will normally be done in teams of two people; however, some employees may need to work alone in some circumstances. Employees will typically work an 8-hour day, Monday through Friday. Employees will be expected to carry up to 30 pounds of field equipment and will be exposed to a variety of weather conditions, stinging and biting insects, and remote and/or urban environments depending on location.

**How to Apply:** Please send a cover letter, resume, references, and unofficial transcripts to Katy Goodwin (katy\_goodwin@partner.nps.gov) by February 21, 2021. You must clearly state in your cover letter which park locations you wish to be considered for (up to three). Interviews will be conducted in early to mid-March.

**Selection Factors:** Successful applicants will be matched to park location based on their interest and experience. Applicants will be rated on the following:

- All positions: Navigation skills, including use of a GPS, maps, and compass.
- All positions: Attention to detail, excellent organization, and ability to follow specified protocols.
- MISS: Experience and ability to work in the urban-wildland interface where regular interaction with the public will be expected.
- APIS, ISRO, PIRO, VOYA: Experience and ability to work in remote backcountry areas and hike long distances off trail.
- APIS, ISRO, MISS, VOYA: Experience boating on lakes and/or rivers, knowledge of water safety.

**Disclaimers:**

- 1) Positions are subject to COVID-19 approval by the National Park Service and Northland College.
- 2) Due to the dynamics of the pandemic, the status and expectations of this position are subject to change.