



Delta Waterfowl Position Announcement

Drone Research Technicians

Delta Waterfowl Foundation is seeking **two** technicians to assist with ongoing waterfowl and pheasant drone research projects in the Prairie Pothole Region of the US and Canada. This pioneering research is using thermal drone technology to nest search and survey upland and overwater nesting birds. Traditional nest searching methods will also be utilized on both projects. Technicians will be trained and act as a visual observer for the drone pilot, assist in upland or overwater nest searching, ground nest verifications, record nest and weather measurements. Overwater research work will also include assisting in pair counts and brood surveys. Selected applicants will also assist in data entry, general vehicle maintenance, and other duties.

LOCATION: Research will occur near Minnedosa, Manitoba and Egeland, North Dakota. MB work will focus on overwater nesting waterfowl and ND work will focus on upland nesting waterfowl and ring-necked pheasants.

START AND END DATE:

Minnedosa, MB: 15th April - 4th of August, start and end dates somewhat flexible
Egeland, ND: Approximately a 2-month position for the months of May and June.

SALARY AND HOUSING: \$1600 USD/month with field accommodations provided

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) Must possess or be working towards a B.S. degree in Wildlife Biology/Ecology or a closely related discipline.
- 2) Applicants must have a positive attitude, be self-motivated and be comfortable working long hours with few days off, in adverse weather conditions, and during night/early morning hours.
- 3) Must possess a driver's license with a clean driving record.
- 4) Waterfowl species identification, especially hens.
- 5) Preference will be given to those with waterfowl nest searching experience.
- 6) A valid passport is required to work out of country.

DESIRED EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS:

- Ability to drive a 4WD truck with trailer
- ATV operating experience
- Experience using a GPS

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Application deadline is February 15th, 2018. Please email cover letter, CV and 3 professional references to Jacob Bushaw at jbusha1@lsu.edu with "Delta Waterfowl Drone Technician" in the subject line.