**CWD wage – Field Technician**

**Position Start date: October 4th, 2021**

**Application deadline: August 13, 2021**

**Job requirement:**

Up to 3 month wage opportunity within Alberta’s Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance program. The major responsibilities of a CWD Field Technician include:

1. Initial program setup: deliver and set up collection freezers at various vendor locations, contact road maintenance contractors, distribute CWD program information
2. Monitor freezers: collect, verify species, sex and age from collected samples, provide initial field data record for all samples collected; collect samples from road killed deer; timely head collection from freezers.
3. Sample Delivery: photocopy green CWD tags, deliver tags and samples to testing labs (Edmonton and Lethbridge)
4. Program Shut Down: Retrieve, clean, and properly store freezers; complete inventory check list.

Challenges in this position include long periods of driving (at times in inclement weather), organizing, tracking, and delivering large numbers of heavy frozen incoming heads, communicating goals of the program to hunters, and being efficient while responsive to unanticipated aspects of winter field activities. This position will also require working a modified work week to accommodate weekend hunting.

Successful applicants will have directly related experience or one year of conservation enforcement via technical college or a university degree program.

Successful applicants will also have extensive winter driving experience, experience using tow trailers and experience driving large pickup trucks. Outdoor interests and experience are an asset.

Successful applicants should be in good physical condition and be able to lift at least 50lbs.

Multiple positions are available and individuals will be based in local urban centres adjacent to the assigned geographic work area. Residence and meals will be compensated by the CWD program for the duration of the work term.

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