

Cal Poly Humboldt Sponsored Programs Foundation

Job Announcement

This is not a state position

JOB TITLE: Student Assistant
PROJECT NAME: Mono Basin Monitoring
WAGE: \$20/hour
EMPLOYMENT TYPE: Temporary
LOCATION: Lee Vining, CA
SUPERVISOR: James Graham

About the Mono Basin

The Mono Basin is a critical area for many species. However the ecosystem started to change in 1941 when the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power began diverting water from Mono Lake for the growing city. Over the next 40 years, water levels from the lake dropped 40 feet. Rush Creek is one of the main streams that carry water to the lake and is being monitored for its riparian restoration.

Essential functions of the job:

Seeking an undergraduate student at Cal Poly Humboldt for the Summer 2026 season to assist with graduate research and stream restoration plan field data collection. Work will consist of at least two week-long trips to Lee Vining, CA to assist in field data collection on a stream restoration and monitoring

Job Summary

The student assistant will be responsible for supporting the crew in completing quality project work in the field. The student is also responsible for collecting data. Field work includes:

- Data collection and data management
- Surveys for American Beavers using tracks, signs, and setting trail cameras
- Frequent hiking and navigating difficult terrain, use electronic devices and carry equipment to record data.

Minimum Qualifications

- A current Cal Poly Humboldt student enrolled for Fall 2026
- Excellent communication, organizational, and leadership skills
- Experience working and navigating in remote areas
- Ability to work outdoors in rough terrain including hiking long distances and carrying equipment
- Ability to make decisions and promote a safe and efficient work environment

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience using trail cameras
- Experience with using research grade surveying equipment (EMLIDs)

- Experience with animal tracks and signs
- Open availability for the summer

Compensation and Benefits

- This position is temporary and is paid hourly
- The pay range is \$20/hour.
- Housing is provided during field trips
- Per Diem is included

Additional Information

- This is a seasonal position for Summer 2026. Seasonal start and end dates will be determined based on weather, available work, and other factors.
- Funding for housing and in the field will be provided.

To Apply

To apply send a cover letter and resume (including GPA, and 3 references) to Sahian Tapia: st285@humboldt.edu

Format your resume and cover letter in PDF form and rename the file to include your name

Application review date:

Application opens March 25th and will remain open until filled. Applications will be reviewed starting April 13th.

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