POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Position:** Seasonal Urban Fisheries Creel Clerk,McGinnis Field Station, Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Orland Park, IL and Kaskaskia Biological Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, Sullivan IL under the direction of Dr. Joe Parkos.

**Employer:** University of Illinois

**Job Description:** Conduct in-person angler interviews at fishing lakes within the Forest Preserve Districts of Cook County, IL and DuPage County, IL as part of a collaborative project to investigate the effects of artificial habitat enhancements. Sites will include the Mallard Lake, McDowell Grove, and Hidden Lake preserves in DuPage County and the Palos Preserves in Cook County. Specific duties include conducting counts of anglers, identifying anglers’ catch to species of fish, collecting biological information from fish such as lengths and weights, and conducting oral interviews and distributing take-home mail or online surveys. Interviews will be used to develop estimates of fishing effort, harvest rates, and angler perceptions of habitat enhancement and fishery quality. Work will be conducted under the direction of Dr. Joe Parkos (Illinois Natural History Survey, Kaskaskia Biological Station) in conjunction with faculty, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and other research assistants at the University of Illinois.

**Qualifications:** High School diploma required. Working towards or earned a Bachelor’s degree in fisheries, aquatic ecology, biology, or closely related field preferred. Good judgement and interpersonal skills are essential. Requires commitment to safety and meticulous data recording. Geographic familiarity with the Chicago metropolitan area is preferred. Candidate must be willing to work in adverse weather conditions and on nights and weekends. A valid driver’s license and ability to swim is required. A personal vehicle will be required for travel to and from all sites.

“The University of Illinois conducts criminal background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer.”

**Salary:** $15.00 per hour.

**Available:** May 1 – October 31, 2022; 40 hours per week; start and end dates flexible

**Application:** For full consideration, applications should be received by **5/4/2022,** but position will remain open until filled. **Electronic applications required.** To apply, please send cover letter, resume, copy of unofficial college transcripts, and names and contact information of three references to Anthony Porreca, 217-728-4851, [porreca@illinois.edu](mailto:porreca@illinois.edu).

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