

Field assistant in a project about oxidative stress in bats

Position Description:

We are looking for a field assistant to help with data collection in an ongoing project on oxidative stress of European bats. Bats will be captured using mist nets at caves close to our Bulgarian field site (Tabachka Bat Research Station).

We offer a beautiful work environment with lots of wildlife, especially bats and birds. Field assistants will be introduced to their work by experts in their field.

Because work is mostly taking place at night, this study is physically and mentally demanding. Hence, applicants should be able to stay motivated even when getting exhausted. The successful applicant will live at the station located in a small village for three weeks. Groceries can be done once a week in Ruse (1h car drive).

The main responsibilities of this position are to assist in capturing bats and feeding individuals kept in captivity.

Qualifications/Experience: Previous field experience with bats is favorably.

Applicants should:

- have a background and strong interest in the biology of animals and particularly bats.
- be prepared for long working hours in the field.
- be open-minded and independent, prepared to adapt to living in a foreign culture, and able to work as part of a team.
- have a valid driving license is a plus
- have vaccination against rabies or be willing to get vaccinated as soon as possible

A good knowledge of German and/or English is an essential prerequisite for this position.

Salary/funding/travel expenses:

This is an unsalaried post; however, we will cover travel and accommodation expenses. Living costs will be shared among the team. The research assistant will be responsible for health insurance and vaccinations.

Term of Appointment: The position is for 3 weeks, starting at around the first of July 2014.

Application Deadline: As soon as possible, 30th April 2014 the latest. Please send an email with a one-page motivation letter, your CV, and the contact details of two references.

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