

Seasonal Hatchery Technician Position Outline

Outline of Job Duties

Under the supervision of the hatchery manager or PI, incumbent will be responsible for assisting in all day-to-day hatchery activities to support shellfish production. After training, incumbent is expected to carry out necessary husbandry tasks with little to no supervision. Some examples of hatchery duties include but are not limited to:

- Inoculating and maintaining algae cultures
- Spawning oysters
- Maintaining larval cultures, nursery, and broodstock
- Collecting growth and survival data on larval and algal cultures
- General facility maintenance such as cleaning culture vessels and filters
- Assist with filling orders and communicating with growers

Qualifications

Incumbent does not need to have prior experience in shellfish aquaculture, though the ideal candidate will have an interest working in shellfish aquaculture as a potential career path. The successful candidate must:

- Have a degree or be currently working toward a degree in marine biology, fisheries, aquaculture, environmental science or related field
- Have basic laboratory experience
- Be willing to work outside in wet, muddy, humid, sometimes harsh environments
- Be able to adapt to changing work environments
- Be comfortable working with microscopes, sometimes for extended periods of time
- Good record keeping and communication skills
- Be detail oriented
- Be capable of working independently as well as part of a team
- Be willing to work weekends on a rotating schedule
- Have reliable transportation

Physical requirements:

- Be able to lift 40lbs
- Be comfortable standing for long periods of time

Schedule: M-F 8:00-1:00 with rotating weekend shifts. This position is part time, with a maximum of 25 hours per week.

Location: Lewes, DE

Start Date: Negotiable; May - July or June - August

Starting wage: \$16/hr

Apply: To apply, please send a cover letter and your resume, with contacts for 1-2 references, to Alyssa Campbell at alcamp@udel.edu.

This position is contingent upon the availability of federal funding and may be rescinded should these funds not be available.

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