

2021 Summer Mosquito-borne Virus Surveillance Job/Internship

West Nile Virus (WNV) Field Technician (5 positions available)

Students enrolled in any Indiana college or university and who will be residing in Indiana from May through August 2021 are encouraged to apply. Special consideration will be given to students who will be living in areas of Indiana where additional surveillance is most needed, especially northwest and southeast Indiana.

Job Duties:

The paid interns will assist with the mosquito-borne virus surveillance program of the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH). Intern duties will include trapping mosquitoes for virus identification using gravid traps designed for disease vector collection. The locations for these collections will be determined in consultation with the IDOH Entomology Director and regional Vector-borne Entomologists. Successful applicants may also be trained on tick collection techniques and contribute to IDOH tick surveillance efforts on a limited basis. Each intern will receive training in mosquito identification and other tasks needed for their work during a training session at the IDOH Entomology Laboratory in Indianapolis.

These positions will be available **mid- to late-May through August 1, 2021**. If an applicant is a Ball state University student, he or she may enroll for internship credit. Each intern must agree to work for at least a 10-week period of the project between May 20, 2021 to August 1, 2021. Each intern must have a valid Driver's license, access to a reliable vehicle, and be willing to drive the vehicle on state business. Travel expenses will be reimbursed at \$0.39 per mile. The hourly wage is \$12 per hour at a maximum of 29 hours per week.

Interested students should submit: 1) a cover letter that includes a statement of interest, a description of any previous background and experience in entomology, disease ecology, or epidemiology, and the Indiana county of summer residence; and 2) one letter of reference from a faculty member to:

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Electronic applications (as email attachments) are encouraged. Review of applications will begin immediately and interviews will begin in March 2021.