



Research Position in Shellfish Aquaculture Available

Job Title: Staff Scientist

Closing Date: January 31, 2022

Job Overview

The mission of the Gulf Shellfish Institute (GSI) is to facilitate, support and encourage increased production of shellfish in Florida and the Gulf region for both economic and environmental benefit through cooperative, industry-driven research and outreach. GSI believes that high quality seafood produced in an environmentally sustainable fashion can boost coastal economies, preserve and strengthen working waterfronts, improve coastal water quality, and support adjacent marine habitats. We are seeking a motivated staff scientist to help achieve these goals.

Responsibilities & Duties

Essential duties for this position include:

- Coordinate field work with industry, NGO, and agency collaborators
- Field data collection aboard industry and private vessels, which may include diving via SCUBA or snorkel
- Conduct laboratory sample processing
- Travel to in-state and out-of-state meetings and conferences, using either personal or commercial vehicles

Additional duties (as assigned by the Executive Director) may include:

- Data analysis
- Assist in the design of field surveys and experiments
- Report, proposal, and publication writing
- Presentations at professional meetings
- Community outreach and engagement
- Administrative and laboratory support

Qualifications

Minimum requirements:

- B.S. in marine science or related field
- Research experience in laboratory and field settings
- Knowledge of subtropical coastal ecosystems and organisms
- Independent, reliable, and self-motivated worker
- Ability to work in hot, humid, and adverse conditions

Preference will be given to applicants with:

- M.S. in marine science or related field
- Experience with shellfish (specifically bivalves)
- Experience with field techniques in benthic marine habitats

- Relevant skills (e.g., SCUBA, R, GIS, genetics, biogeochemistry, etc.)
- Experience engaging with the public on environmental issues
- Evidence of strong scientific writing ability

Compensation

Base pay for this position is negotiable (depending on qualifications) and for one year, up to full-time. Applicants interested in part-time employment are also encouraged to apply. The position may be extended depending upon grant funding. There are no fringe benefits.

How to Apply

Please submit a cover letter with two professional references along with a CV/resume to:

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Executive Director

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