

## 2025 STATEWIDE SEASONAL ECOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN



**Station Location: Ecological Services Division - Operations Headquarters, Pratt, KS - Temporary Position - 999 hours**

Positions will be available for up to 12 technicians creating 3 separate crews. Incumbents will be performing aquatic or terrestrial surveys across the state, dependent upon their assigned crew. The following activities may be conducted: (1) assessment of threatened and endangered aquatic species; (2) surveying for state threatened species of reptiles and amphibians; (3) survey small mammal communities (4) standardized surveys of fish and aquatic macroinvertebrate communities.

Some lab work involving the identification, sorting, and cataloging of collected specimens obtained from surveys may be required. Assist with conducting educational events for students of various ages. Maintaining good working relationships with other institutions and personnel will be required. Perform other duties as required.

Technicians are not required to live in Pratt to work in this position. You will need to be able to drive to Pratt (unless surveys are near your place of residence) to start the work week and drive home from Pratt at the end of the work week. Pratt is the official station. Most of the work and overnight travel will be statewide or river basin/ecoregion specific based on the survey crew you are selected for. Schedules may vary, but are typically 40 hours per week. Work weeks are usually Sunday evenings through Thursday afternoons or Monday through Friday, depending on assigned crew. It is preferred that applicants work the full summer schedule and minimize absences.

**Start Dates: May 19 is the general start date for summer surveys. Some terrestrial surveys may be conducted as early as April. Applicants with increased availability before the summer months are encouraged to apply.**

**End Dates: completion of 999 hours or earlier as determined by Survey Biologist and/or other circumstances (e.g., return to college)**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** Must be highly motivated and physically able to perform all assigned tasks in a variety of outdoor settings and weather conditions. Must be able to think and work independently and follow daily assigned tasks as well as be a part of a crew. Must be able to travel weekly in state provided vehicles to survey locations statewide and stay overnight in provided hotels. Ability to work in harsh field conditions, including mud, 100+ degree temperatures, poisonous plants, tolerating insects, handling live organisms including fish, reptiles, amphibians, small mammals, and insects is required. Required to be at least 18 years of age with a valid driver's license..

**BENEFITS:** Hourly wage: \$15.03 per hour. A meal allowance of up to \$68.00 per day as well as coverage for lodging expenses for overnight work-related travel will be provided. The department does not provide housing outside of work-related travel. No paid holidays. Technicians can work up to, but not exceed, 999 hours per calendar year. Total hours worked will be dependent upon work needs for the Ecological Services Division.

**TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:**

- 1) Applicants are **required** to complete a KDWP employment application located at <https://ksoutdoors.com/KDWP-Info/Jobs/Employment-Application-Additional-Info>. Jobs/Employment-Application-Additional-Info or at any KDWP office.
- 2) A resume and cover letter with reference emails is **required**.
- 3) A state of Kansas Tax Clearance Certificate is **required**. Information on how to obtain a tax clearance certificate is explained below.

Complete applications should be mailed/e-mailed to: Mark Van Scoyoc, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks, 512 SE 25th Ave, Pratt, KS 67124.

For further information contact Mark Van Scoyoc at [mark.vanscoyoc@ks.gov](mailto:mark.vanscoyoc@ks.gov) or (620) 672-5911.

**CLOSING DATE: JANUARY 31, 2025 - PLEASE HAVE YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS SUBMITTED BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE TO BE CONSIDERED**

**INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE KDWP OPERATIONS HEADQUARTER IN PRATT, KS ON A REGULAR BASIS UNTIL POSITIONS ARE FILLED.**

Interested applicants should apply immediately. We reserve the right to conduct a background check on all qualified applicants.

Kansas Tax Clearance Certificate: Each applicant applying for a State of Kansas job vacancy must obtain a State Tax Clearance Certificate by accessing the Kansas Department of Revenue's website at <http://www.ksrevenue.org/taxclearance.html>. A Tax Clearance is a comprehensive tax account review to determine and ensure that an individual's account is compliant with all primary Kansas Tax Laws. Applicants are responsible for submitting their certificate with all other application materials to the hiring agency. This is in accordance with Executive Order 2004-03. The Americans with Disabilities Act ensures your right to reasonable accommodations during the employment process—individuals with disabilities are encouraged to contact the agency recruiter if reasonable accommodations are needed for any part of the application or hiring process. Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.