



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

NOTICE OF INTEREST

POSITION:	Biological Science Technician, GS-0404 (USA-NPN NCO Plant Program Assistant)
SALARY:	To Be Determined – Based on Experience (range \$13.18 - \$18.26 per hour)
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:	STEP – Student Temporary Employment Program (an excepted appointment)
TOUR OF DUTY:	Part-time with possible periods of full-time and or intermittent work, 10-15 hours/week average, total of 600-835 hours by June 30, 2010
AREA OF CONSIDERATION:	All United States Citizens Non-citizens may be eligible for employment if permitted by a Federal Agency's appropriation act, and eligible to work under US immigration laws
LOCATION:	USA-National Phenology Network Nation Coordinating Office through Biological Resources Discipline, Southwest Biological Science Center, Sonoran Desert Research Station, Tucson, Arizona

There is one (1) position to be considered from this notice

THIS IS A TEMPORARY EXCEPTED SERVICES POSITION FOR WHICH THIS NOTICE OF INTEREST IS PUT FORTH. Appointment to this position, however, will not convey permanent status in the Federal service. Appointment will only be for the duration of the position, to follow stated procedures and policies for a Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) position. Temporary employees are covered by the Social Security Retirement System and annual and sick leave will be accrued except in intermittent status. **An appointee hired via this notice of interest is ineligible for health and life insurance coverage.**

DUTIES: Performs technical work at the USA-NPN National Coordinating Office in support of the Plant Phenology Program. engaged in data collection activities and/or biological data collection activities and/or analysis of biological samples. Incumbent may perform one or more of the following duties:

- Collect botanical data from existing resources to develop species profile content
- Perform summary analysis of phenological observations
- Perform recordkeeping, including data entry and data quality control as needed

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Work may be sedentary with long hours in front of a computer. Work hours may vary during the employment term depending on program needs. See <http://usanpn.org> for information on the overall program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You are eligible under the Student Educational Employment Program if you are:

- A student enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree-seeking student (diploma, certificate, etc.)
- At least the minimum age required by Federal, state or local laws and standards governing the employment of minors,
- Taking at least half-time academic or vocational and technical course load in an accredited high school, technical or vocational school, 2-year or 4-year college or university, graduate or professional school, and a U.S. citizen or a national (resident of American Samoa or Swains Island). Non-citizens may be eligible for employment if:
 1. permitted by a Federal agency's appropriation act, and
 2. to permanent employment under the Student Career Experience Component

BASIS OF EVALUATION: This is NOT a recruitment announcement. As a **Notice of Interest**, please contact Dr. Kathryn Thomas (see below for full information).

As a condition of employment, all new employees reporting for duty with the Department of Interior will be paid through direct deposit to a financial institution of their choice.

Prior to or at the time of appointment, male applicants born after December 31, 1959, will have to certify that they have registered with the Selective Service System in order to be appointed to a position with the Department of Interior, United States Geological Survey, unless legally qualified for an exception.

Employees of the U.S. Geological Survey are subject to the provisions of Title 43, U.S. Code, Section 31(a) and may not, according to this legislation and related regulations: (a) have any personal or private interest, direct or indirect, in lands or mineral wealth of such lands or a region under survey and whose title is in the United States; (b) execute surveys or examination for private parties or corporations; or (c) have personal or private interest, direct or indirect, in any private mining or mineral enterprise doing business in the United States except where specifically authorized by the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey.

HOW TO DEMONSTRATE AN INTEREST: Carefully read all information and instructions.

**Submit a resume or other written format demonstrating your educational and professional background.
APPOINTEE MUST MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (SEE ABOVE)**

Also Submit:

College transcript (unofficial) or list of college courses, specifying the title of course work, completion date, semester or quarter hours earned by course title, and grade earned by course.

Send Notice of Interest To: (By October 23, 2009) (no phone calls please)

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