Bat Technician Internship

Hello,
My name Rose Haidar and I am a graduate student under Joseph Szewczak’s lab here in the Biology Department. I am studying the biogeography and phylogenetics of red bats in CA, AZ, NV, and NM and would like to bring on 1-2 students to work with me in the field. I am looking for reliable and flexible assistants for this spring and summer netting season to assist in bat capture, data collection, mapping, and genetic sequencing.
To learn more about me and my research please visit my website here

Job Description
This is an internship position as a field technician, offering experience and connection in the many sects related to bat work. For this position you would conduct mist net capture surveys in up to 4 states, DNA sequencing at Cal Poly Humboldt, and data management virtually. You would be working alongside professional bat biologists, federal and state agency personnel, and private stakeholders on a regular basis. This would be a semi unconventional position where you would have a mixture of field work, lab work, and computer work. When in the field or lab you may work up to 10 hours a day, and when managing data you may only work 2 hours a day. This position will have bouts of down time and busy time and require a person that is highly adaptable to change. You would get your schedule 1 month ahead of time so you can plan around field hitches which can range from 3 days to 2.5 weeks and I am flexible in negotiating schedules when conducting data management and lab work.

Qualifications
● You do not need to have experience beforehand as you will be trained on the job
● Rabies preventive series is highly recommended and preferred
● You would need to be a Humboldt county resident
● Adaptability and flexibility are a must
● A good attitude
● Comfortable with camping and getting dirty
● Have a driver’s license
● Get along and communicate well with coworkers and stakeholders

Start and End Date
The start date is flexible as I will have projects from April 20th-October 30th 2022. Ideally the applicant would start by May 7th and stay on until September 30th. I will work with your schedule to work around school as needed.

Compensation
● You will receive a credit for your Fall 2022 semester in BIOL 499 (field research)
● Transportation and housing during hitches and field trips will be paid for
● You will receive training in field biology, laboratory work, and data management
● This is currently an unpaid internship with the potential of a weekly stipend if funding comes through.

How to Apply
The deadline for applications is April 30, 2022
Please send a 1-page cover letter, 2 references, and your resume to haidarze5@gmail.com with the subject line titled as “Bat Technician Internship”
Interviews will be held on May 1 and 2 and a decision made on May 4th.