

Laboratory Algae and Plant Technician

EcoAnalysts is currently searching for an individual to assist our algal team on the EPA National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS) Laboratory Processing for the next four years. EcoAnalysts will be receiving a minimum of 1000 algae samples per year, with each sample requiring detailed and thorough preparation before identification. In addition to the EPA NARS algae samples, EcoAnalysts will also be responsible for the preservation and storage of 3000+ vegetation samples. The EPA NARS vegetation samples will also require strict quality control and inventory tracking with samples from throughout the nation.

Position

We are currently seeking qualified applicants for one full time position in our algae processing and identification laboratory. Primary duties of the position involve: preparation of algae samples for identification (including an acid digestion process to clean diatoms); algae sample preservation and storage; inventory control on all algal archived samples; proper labeling and storage of vegetation inventory; development and maintenance of a log for all vegetation samples; tracking and locations of vegetation samples. The position requires utilizing Good Laboratory Practices. All work will be performed in EcoAnalysts' Moscow Algae Laboratory under supervision, and special expertise will be provided to assist the technician throughout the preparation and archiving processes. The technician will be required to work during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, not to exceed 40 hours per week.

Location

Moscow, ID.

Qualifications

This position will be considered entry-level, with training and coaching available on-site. Due to the specificity of our processes, previous experience is not required, but recommended. EcoAnalysts will train the successful applicant to follow our process standards, and applicants will be evaluated on specific traits and demonstrated skills. These traits and skills include:

- A strict attention to detail.
- Strong organizational skills and comfort with numerical tracking systems.
- Ability to summarize, adhere to, and document protocols and procedures.
- Demonstrated critical thinking abilities.
- Ability to troubleshoot combined with a strong sense of teamwork and collaboration.
- Ability to work harmoniously with a close-knit team of professionals.
- Ability to clearly and concisely convey feedback in a timely and professional manner.
- Good manual dexterity
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds
- Chemistry lab experience preferred

Required:

- High school education or the equivalent.

Recommended:

- Bachelors, (equivalent or higher) in the Natural Resources, Biology, Botany, or Chemistry fields.

Compensation

Salary and benefits are dependent upon experience and qualifications.

Application

Please send or email 1) letter of application, 2) complete resume, and 3) three professional references.

No phone calls please.

Anticipated start date

As soon as possible, this position will close March 5th.

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