



King County

Water and Land Resources Division
Department of Natural Resources and Parks

SUMMER/EARLY FALL FIELD STAFF NEEDED

The King County Department of Natural Resources, Water and Land Resources Division anticipates hiring five temporary seasonal staff to assist with summer/early fall field work to support our stream benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring program. The work involves collecting benthic macroinvertebrate samples (aquatic insects and other organisms) from approximately 180 streams throughout King County, as well as collection of detailed field site information to document in-stream and riparian habitat conditions. The work is strenuous and accessing some sampling sites requires hiking up to a mile through dense vegetation with bulky and heavy (~ 40 lbs.) sampling equipment. The field work also requires long workdays (up to 10 hours). The position may also provide support to a variety of other natural resource focused projects as needed or as time allows.

The position duration is approximately 3 months, starting in early/mid-July and ending in mid-October. **However, please note that the availability and/or start date of this position may need to be adjusted due to the current pandemic situation.** The position is based in downtown Seattle and King County will provide all necessary personal field gear (hip boots or waders, safety equipment, etc.), as well as a vehicle to reach field sampling locations. **You must be able to commit to working full time during the entire period to be eligible for consideration.**

PRIMARY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Field work in streams throughout King County, following established scientific protocols, to collect macroinvertebrate samples and habitat data. Work is conducted independently in teams of 2.
- Logistical preparations and coordination for field sampling, including contacting private landowners to gain property access and maintaining field equipment
- Data entry and other routine computer-based tasks
- Provide general support for a variety of other natural resources/water quality related projects as needed

REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to work independently, take initiative and make sound judgment calls based on field conditions
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team situation, sometimes under challenging field conditions
- Knowledge and interest in aquatic/stream ecology and biological/environmental monitoring
- Proficiency with commonly used computer software (Microsoft Office, including Excel, Word)
- Demonstrated interest and enthusiasm to work outdoors in a range of weather and field conditions often for 8-10 hours
- Ability to read a map and effectively navigate in both rural and urban areas to accurately locate field sampling locations (sometimes without the aid of cell service)
- Strong attention to detail and the ability to take thorough and accurate field notes
- Ability to swim (First Aid and CPR training will be provided)

- Must have a valid WA driver's license
- Experience with in-stream and habitat data collection a plus, but not required.
- ArcGIS and Access skills desired, but not required

Please submit your resume, along with a letter of interest describing how you meet the job requirements and why you would be a great candidate for this position **by May 3, 2020** to Human Resources at hr.wlrd@kingcounty.gov.

Questions – Please contact Human Resources Sr. Analyst Calvin Rivers @ crivers@kingcounty.gov.