

Natural Resource Specialist Discovery Program Luke Air Force Base and Barry M. Goldwater Range



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POSITION

An entry-level Natural Resource Specialist position (temporary student or non-student hourly) is available with the Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML) through the Air Force Discovery Program. The position is located at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, Arizona with fieldwork conducted at the 1.05 million acre Barry M. Goldwater Range, located near Gila Bend, Arizona. The position is full time (40 hours per week) for approximately 3 months, mid-May through mid-August.

DISCOVERY PROGRAM

The Discovery Program is a collaborative program between the US Air Force and Colorado State University (CSU) CEMML. The program is designed to support Air Force natural and cultural resource management programs. The Discovery Program provides current students and recent graduates with hands-on natural and cultural resource management experience on Air Force installations and an introduction to the management and protection of the extensive natural and cultural resources found on military lands.

ORGANIZATION

CEMML is a research, education and service unit within the Warner College of Natural Resources at CSU. CEMML applies the latest and most appropriate science to promote the sustainable management of natural and cultural resources on Department of Defense (DoD) and other public lands. We provide technical support, conduct applied research, and offer career development and learning opportunities to support resource stewardship. We collaborate with our sponsors and within CSU to resolve complex environmental issues, leaving a legacy of science-based decisions that sustain our resources for future generations.

To learn more about CEMML's contributions to land management, our mission, vision, and values, visit <http://www.cemml.colostate.edu/>.

LOCATION

Luke Air Force Base (LAFB) is located approximately 15 miles west of Phoenix in Glendale, Arizona. The work for this position will mainly be conducted at LAFB and the employee will check in for work here daily. A portion of work, approximately 15%, will be conducted at Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR), 65 miles southwest of LAFB. Transportation will be provided from LAFB to BMGR.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will perform a variety of environmental structured assignments with mentoring from supervisors who are experienced professionals in the field of natural resource management. This Discovery participant can expect to participate in wildlife surveys, capturing and cataloging wildlife photos, analyzing field data, reviewing reports, and/or a broad range of land management tasks including sign and fence maintenance/installation. The position will be approximately 85% office work, 15% fieldwork.

Fieldwork will always be performed in teams. Due to extensive drive times, range access limitations, and summer heat, field days will typically start very early and extend to 10 or 12 hours. Compensation time will be granted. Fieldwork requires driving Government vehicles, walking, and hiking in remote field locations in extreme weather conditions during a long duty day, and with possible exposure to unexploded military ordnance. Safety training will be provided. Some illegal activities occur on the Goldwater Range, including drug smuggling, illegal immigration, and perhaps other activities. Security escort is not provided, however experienced personnel will be part of the team. Portions of the range are open to the public.

Upon completion of the program the Discovery participant will be asked to provide feedback to the CEMML program manager, and write and submit an essay about his/her experience in the Discovery Program.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate must be a current college student, third year undergraduate at a minimum, or a recent college graduate or graduate student in the field of natural resources. The successful candidate must possess good overall computer skills (Microsoft Office Suite and Adobe Acrobat Professional). Experience modifying and creating databases in Access and working in ArcGIS is a plus. The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate U.S. citizenship.

The successful candidate should have excellent communication skills and be a self-starter, enthusiastic, attentive to detail, have a good work ethic, be flexible with regard to helping with a variety of projects, and have an interest in exploring a civilian environmental career for the military. Candidates should be excited about gaining experience in supporting Air Force operations and open to learning about the management of natural resources on military lands.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Reflecting departmental and institutional values, candidates are expected to have the ability to advance the department's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

BACKGROUND CHECK

Colorado State University is committed to providing a safe and productive learning and living community. To achieve that goal, we conduct background investigations for all final candidates being considered for employment. Background checks may include, but are not limited to, criminal history, national sex offender search and motor vehicle history.

PAY RATE

Salary is an hourly rate that is commensurate with education and experience. Relocation will not be funded.

APPLICATION

Position is open until filled. To apply, send the following required documents via email or postal mail:

1. Statement of Qualifications (one page letter addressing each qualification defined in this announcement)
2. Resume
3. Contact information for three professional references including name, phone number and email address
4. Current college transcript (copies or HTML transcripts are OK)

Please identify the position, including location, that you are applying for. Send application materials to:

CEMML_AF_DISCOVERY@mail.colostate.edu

or

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