

## Michigan Herpetological Internship

Location: Throughout Lower Michigan  
Start Date: March 1, 2012 (flexible)

Application Deadline: January 16, 2012  
End Date: October 15, 2012 (flexible)

Salary: unpaid internship and housing not provided; mileage reimbursement; help meet university internship requirement or college course credit

Herpetological Resource and Management, LLC seeks one to two enthusiastic undergraduate/graduate student(s) to help conduct amphibian and reptile inventorying and monitoring throughout the lower peninsula of Michigan. The applicant(s) is expected to perform or assist with the following activities: field surveys using a variety of techniques to inventory amphibians and reptiles; collect data at study sites; map species and habitat; data entry; maintenance of field equipment; data compilation and creation of tables and figures for reports and publications. Successful applicant will also assist with headstart program for rare turtles.

The applicant must have at least 2 years of academic experience leading to a degree in biology, zoology, wildlife ecology, natural resource conservation, or a related field, or have graduated with such a degree. The applicant must have an ability to identify or learn amphibians and reptiles by sight or call or with the aid of field guides; the ability to accurately record detailed data in the field; and knowledge of computer operation and familiarity with basic Microsoft word processing and data manipulation programs. Experience with GPS and especially GIS desired. Database and Website management a plus. Prior herp husbandry experience preferred. Strong organizational skill a must!

The applicant(s) must be a licensed driver and have a reliable means of transportation to and from the office location. Most of the work is outdoors, sometimes under harsh or hot conditions or in rain. The position requires good physical condition, as the job on occasion requires long hours in the field (including some night-time surveys). The most important qualifications for this position are a good sense of humor, solid work ethic, and a passion for learning. All fieldwork will be conducted as part of teams of 2-3 people including multiple overnight stays, so a demonstrated ability and desire to work effectively with a group is imperative.

These positions come with an amazing wealth of educational opportunities and on-the-ground field experience. The successful applicant(s) will have the rare opportunity to work with Threatened, Endangered, and imperiled species in a variety of habitats. They will also learn important techniques including elastomer tagging, PIT Tagging, GIS/GPS technology, mark-recapture, and methods of population inventory, monitoring, and analysis. Learning proper care and husbandry of rare herpetofauna. Most importantly, the intern(s) will have the opportunity to build a network of federal, state, and local government officials and private sector clients.

**To Apply:** Send a completed Resume via email (including 3 references) to:

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