



# Summer Field Biology Job

2024 at CWU:

## Small Mammal Research Field Assistant



### Job summary

- Survey small mammal populations near Snoqualmie Pass to assess the effectiveness of wildlife crossing structures on I-90 for ecological connectivity.
- Assist graduate student with behavioral studies of chipmunks and squirrels on wildlife crossing structures.

### Educational & Career Benefits

Skills gained are directly applicable to research and technical work in biology:

- field journal and data collection
- live-trapping and handling small mammals
- habitat measurements
- occupancy surveys
- GPS use
- data entry and verification

### Pay and Schedule

\$20-23 per hour, depending on experience.

Total 200-400 hours during the summer (approx. Jul. 1- Aug. 31), depending on availability and research needs. Some flexibility, but not compatible with 6-week or 8-week summer courses or with weekday jobs.

### Qualifications

#### Required:

- BIOL 181 or equivalent and career interest in biology or environmental sciences;
- excellent team-work skills, and ability to carefully follow protocols and instructions;
- ability to carry field gear (up to 30 pounds) across rough terrain and through forest;
- adaptable to varying environmental conditions (weather, biting insects, etc.);
- willingness to camp in forest 2-3 nights per week;
- valid driver's license and clear driving record.

Preferred: Sophomore or Junior standing at CWU with at least one year of courses in Biology or ENST-Biology; experience in ecological field work (may be during courses) or related research or job experience; experience handling live animals

### Info & Application Process

- For more information, contact Dr. Ernest [ernestk@cwu.edu](mailto:ernestk@cwu.edu)
- To apply: submit (1) cover letter that addresses your qualifications for the position and your research and career interests; and (2) resume or CV with names and phone numbers of 2 references who can speak to your qualifications.
- Review of applications will begin Mar. 29 and continue until a suitable candidate is hired.