Open Position: Temporary Research Assistant

Hours: 40 hrs / week
Rate: $16 - 20 / hour depending upon experience

About FIU:

Florida International University is a top public university that drives real talent and innovation in Miami and globally. Very high research (R1) activity and high social mobility come together at FIU to uplift and accelerate learner success in a global city by focusing in the areas of environment, health, innovation, and justice. Today, FIU has two campuses and multiple centers. FIU serves a diverse student body of more than 56,000 and 290,000 Panther alumni. U.S. News and World Report places dozens of FIU programs among the best in the nation, including international business at No. 2. Washington Monthly Magazine ranks FIU among the top 20 public universities contributing to the public good.

Job Summary:

The FIU Institute of Environment is currently seeking an individual to join the Ogurcak Lab for Coastal Change and Management as a temporary research assistant who will assist with field sampling and sample preparation in several projects in south Florida and Puerto Rico. The position is for 1 year with possibility of renewal for an additional year. The position begins in January 2024. This is a full-time, temporary, non-benefitted position.

Job Duties / Responsibilities:

Primary responsibilities include taking field measurements of mangrove structure and hydrologic parameters, collecting water, leaf, and soil samples, preparing samples for analysis, entering data into Excel spreadsheets, data management, and maintenance of field equipment. Additional responsibilities could include QA/QC of data and assistance with reporting.

Minimum Requirements:

Enrolled in degree program related to biology or environmental science and 1-year experience working in collection of ecological data (either volunteer or paid) or completed Bachelor’s degree in above or similar field. Must possess and maintain a
valid state motor vehicle operator's license for the type of vehicle(s) operated to perform the duties of this position.

Must be fluent in speaking, writing, and reading in English. Must have ability to work in remote field settings for long hours, carrying a pack up to a mile. Working conditions include hot, humid, inclement weather, and biting insects. Sites will be reached either on foot or by boat. Boating safety course or willingness to take a course is required. Should have experience using a personal computer for communication and data entry, including MS Office & Zoom. Should have the ability to navigate in the field using a GPS and compass.

To Apply:
Navigate to https://hr.fiu.edu/careers/, click on Prospective Employees, and search Job ID #531186.

For more information about the position or the application process, please email Dr. Danielle Ogurcak (dogurcak@fiu.edu)