POSITION: Field Biologist (full-time)

LOCATION: Geographical Information Center

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS: The Field Biologist is a field assistant position that requires a background in biology with a specialty in botany and plant taxonomy. Under general supervision from the GIC Project Manager, the Field Biologist will assist the Vegetation Classification and Mapping Program (VegCAMP) of the Department of Fish and Game Biogeographic Data Branch with a variety of duties related to the program’s vegetation mapping and inventory projects. Duties include but are not limited to:

- Assist in the collection of floristic and environmental data using standard vegetation sampling protocols;
- Maintain and operate field equipment;
- Collect plant samples and prepare them for deposit at herbaria;
- Entering vegetation data into existing databases;
- Assisting with vegetation mapping using heads-up digitizing;
- Using spreadsheets, databases, and word processing functions on computer systems.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Education and Experience - requires Bachelor of Science in biology or a related field with specialized training/coursework in plant taxonomy, botany, ecology, or other related courses. Requires two years of full time experience with progressively challenging responsibilities in a Field Biologist or related field working on Biology projects. A Masters degree in Biology may substitute for one year of experience. Knowledge, Skills, Abilities & Attributes - Thorough knowledge of botany and plant taxonomy for plant identification · Knowledge of California flora and California plant communities · Ecological field sampling methods · Use of GPS and other field equipment · A general knowledge of geographical information systems (GIS) · Experience with ESRI software · Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing · Strong organizational, communication, and leadership skills · Ability to lead assistants in the field while promoting safe working conditions, including navigating in remote terrain using a topographic map and compass; proven ability to work independently and interact well with crew members · Ability to prioritize tasks and to adjust to change in a fast paced, constantly changing environment · Ability to solve problems · Ability to coordinate daily field tasks, manage data for field team, ensuring data are recorded and entered accurately and consistently · This position will require fieldwork in rugged terrain. Must possess a valid California driver license, Class C. Participation in the DMV Employer Pull Notice Program (driving record) will be required of the successful candidate.

COMPENSATION: $17.00/hr plus benefits. Benefits include employer contributions to a FLEX plan (i.e., a Section 125 cafeteria plan) from which elections may be made for health, vision and/or dental insurance among other options; employer contributions to a 403(b) retirement plan (beginning year 2); employer-paid life and disability insurance; and vacation, sick leave, and holidays.

The employer is the CSU, Chico Research Foundation, a non-profit corporation serving as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Chico. Employment is considered to be at-will.

APPLICATIONS: Applicants must submit a completed CSU, Chico Research Foundation application, cover letter, current resume and three professional references. Application materials and job announcement can be obtained by contacting:

BY MAIL: CSU, Chico Research Foundation
CSU, Chico, Building 25
Chico, Ca. 95929-0246

OR CALL: (530) 898-6811

IN PERSON: CSU, Chico Research Foundation
25 Main Street, 2nd Floor suite 203
Chico, Ca.

DEADLINE: Applicants must submit a completed CSU, Chico Research Foundation application materials to one of the above addresses by 5 pm, June 1, 2010. Applications received after this date will not be accepted for any reason. It is the applicant’s responsibility to allow adequate mail and delivery time.

DISCLOSURE OF CRIME STATISTICS
An annual security report disclosing crime statistics for California State University, Chico can be obtained by contacting the Chico State University Police Department (530) 898-5372 or by accessing the following Website: http://www.csuchico.edu/up.

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