



**City of Virginia Beach Mosquito Control  
Biology Lab Summer Work Program**

**Contact**

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**Position Title:** Biology Laboratory Summer Worker (Mosquito Control Aide)

**Undergraduate / Graduate Applicant Majors:** Entomology; Biology; Animal Science; Environmental Health

**Number of Positions Available:** 3

**Application Deadline:** Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Salary Range & Hours:** Starting at \$15/hour, wage dependent on experience – Weekly hours average 20 – 25, Mon. – Thurs. Daily schedules vary.

**Duration:** Approximately May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We will try to accommodate fall 2023 academic schedules but ask that our interns commit for the entire mosquito season (through Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>).

**Job Description:** Summer Workers will work directly with the mosquito control biologist and her assistant to survey adult mosquito populations and perform mosquito-borne disease surveillance. Duties include, but are not limited to: set-up, collections and maintenance of various types of mosquito traps, mosquito speciation and preparation of specimens for arboviral isolation, collection and identification of mosquito eggs & larvae, collection of blood samples from sentinel chicken flocks, care and maintenance of the sentinel flocks and other related tasks.

**Requirements**

1. Knowledge of basic laboratory techniques
2. Good fine-motor skills
3. Ability to work both in a team and independently with instruction from the biologist
4. Ability to work outside during inclement weather conditions
5. Ability to stoop, lift and carry at least 50 lbs. and traverse uneven terrain on foot
6. Ability to work with sentinel chickens (training in handling and sampling skills will be provided)

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7. Ability to stay on task for extended periods of time
8. Possession of a valid driver's license and a good driving record.
9. Attendance at an employer sponsored defensive driving course after acceptance but before first day of work.

***Training on mosquito speciation, sentinel flock maintenance and specimen preparation will be provided on-the-job.***

To apply for this position, please e-mail your resume or call:

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