

USGS Lake Ontario Technicians Positions: 2018-2019

The USGS Great Lakes Science Center's Lake Ontario Biological Station (LOBS), located in Oswego, NY, is seeking multiple student contractors for long-term and targeted research projects (<https://www.glsc.usgs.gov/>). LOBS studies Lake Ontario ecology and maintains long-term data on prey fish, lake trout and food web dynamics in conjunction with state, provincial, and federal partners. LOBS scientists are also leading multiple projects within the 2018 Lake Ontario Coordinated Science and Monitoring Initiative ([CSMI](#)). As a result, 3-4 new hires of students (or recent students) are necessary for 2018-2019 at LOBS.

All positions are student contractors and applicants must document educational status upon application. Candidates must either be enrolled in at least 1 credit or have graduated within the past 12 months to qualify as a "student contractor". Information about Student Services Contracts are on the second page.

Large Vessel Student Contractor – (1 position, 12 - 24 months, \$16.93/hour; 40hours/wk.) This contractor will be a technician supporting fish sampling, limnological sampling, laboratory analysis, and data management associated with LOBS long-term surveys. The position will require living and working on the Station's 70' research vessel, for 8-14 days at a time. Field work will occur day and night in a variety of weather conditions, require lifting up to 30lbs, and at times exceed an 8 hour day. The contractor will maintain data, interpret fish age samples, and process lower trophic level samples. Large vessel work requires the contractor must pass a pre-employment physical (no cost), enroll in a random drug testing program, possess a valid driver's license, and be able to obtain a passport for work in Canada. Start date is flexible and range from January 15, 2018 to March 1, 2018.

Coregonine Ecology Student Contractor (2-3 positions, 3-12 month, pay minimum \$16.93/hour, possibly higher depending on experience, 40hrs/week) Contractor will be part of a team studying Cisco, Bloater and Lake Whitefish as well as Alewife and Rainbow Smelt across the open-water period. Field sampling will be conducted on large and small vessels (20'-26') and will include night sampling. Lab work will include acoustic data analysis, larval fish processing, fish age interpretation. No prior experience is necessary, but prior experience with acoustic analyses, data management, scripted analysis packages (R) and aquatic ecology are a benefit. Start date is flexible January 15, 2018 – April 1, 2018.

How to Apply:

Email a C.V. (resume), transcript (unofficial ok) and cover letter identifying which position(s) you are interested in to Drs. Brian Lantry (bflantry@usgs.gov) or Brian Weidel (bweidel@usgs.gov).

Phone interviews for all positions will begin January 2, 2018 with possible in-person interviews to follow.

Positions will be filled as suitable candidates are found.

Applications will be received through April 2018.

If you have any questions please contact Drs. Brian Lantry (bflantry@usgs.gov) or Brian Weidel (bweidel@usgs.gov).

Student Service Contracts

- Under the Student Services Program, USGS contracts directly with the students.
- All students must be at least 18 years of age.
- Students are not considered Federal Employees. They are considered self-employed and therefore, required to report and pay their own taxes and social security. They will be issued a 1099 form.
- USGS employees, their spouses and children are not eligible to participate in this program.
- Students must obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System (<https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>)) number and register in SAM (System for award management (sam.gov)) before a contract can be issued to them. *Be aware both are free services so if you are asked for payment you are not at the right site.*
- The total duration for the contract shall not exceed two calendar years.
- Student hourly rates are adjusted each calendar year that Federal Employees receive a cost of living adjustment (COLA).
- The rate of pay is determined by the level of education described in the statement of work. Students who have more years of study than required are not necessarily paid at a higher rate than required by the work statement.
- Students are paid only for hours worked (with no holiday or leave benefits).
- Students are paid for each hour worked, but do not receive a premium pay rate for work beyond 8 hours per day or 40 hours per week. They can work more than 8 hours a day or 40 hours per week, however they get paid the same amount for each hour worked.
- Former students who graduated more than 12 months ago, or left school without graduating are not eligible for this program.
- Non-US citizens may be eligible to participate, depending on their immigration status and applicable regulations of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (formerly Immigration and Naturalization Service).