Staff Position: Water Quality Coordinator
Pontchartrain Conservancy
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Pontchartrain Conservancy (PC) Overview
PC is a non-profit organization whose mission is “TO DRIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND STEWARDSHIP THROUGH SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ADVOCACY.” Since its inception in 1989, PC has been driven by community action to create programs that build community while preserving and restoring the Basin for public access and enjoyment. PC was established in response to environmental concerns voiced throughout the Basin. As the public’s independent voice, PC is dedicated to restoring and preserving the water quality, coast, and habitats of the entire basin—a 10,000 square mile watershed encompassing 16 Louisiana parishes. For more information regarding PC and its scope, visit scienceforourcoast.org.

About the Position
PC is seeking to hire a Water Quality Coordinator within its Water Quality Program to assist in the advancement of PC’s scientific programs and mission. The Water Quality Coordinator will implement Pontchartrain Conservancy’s (PC’s) Water Quality monitoring programs and assist with the coordination and implementation of the associated projects. As a staff member the applicant would be expected to assist staff and contractors on scientific projects at all stages from initial project development to data collection, analysis, interpretation and final products. This work is highly collaborative and requires coordination and partnership with water quality professionals in municipalities, agencies, community groups and organizations, as necessary, to develop water quality/environmental solutions.

Skills & Qualifications
• B.S. in biology, chemistry, environmental science, public health or a closely related field; preference to applicants with masters or doctorate degrees in similar fields of study
• Strong experience in standards, methods, permitting and practices of water quality field work
• Experience with data storage and quality assurance; collection & oversight of water quality samples in streams and waterways as related to the individual projects
• Experience with grant applications and deliverables for federally funded projects; preference given to applicants with a strong history of successful grant writing
• Experience with various stakeholder groups, including municipalities, agencies, community groups and organizations
• Strong analytical skills involving ecological/biological data
• Self-starter with strong initiative, drive and ability to work with a high degree of autonomy
• Proven and effective team and project management skills
• Ability to handle diverse situations and field work in a professional and effective manner
• Attentive to details and able to meet project deadlines
• Excellent oral and written communication skills; preference given to applicants with publication in peer-reviewed articles and presentation at scientific conferences
• Comfortable giving oral presentations to diverse technical and non-technical audiences
• Ability to effectively work with people of diverse backgrounds and experiences
• Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite; familiarity with statistical programs (SAS, SPSS, or R) preferred
• Field work may require the applicant to be on boats, so experience on the water or challenging environments is highly recommended

Interested qualified applicants should email a cover letter and resume or CV to frank@scienceforourcoast.org with subject line “Water Quality Coordinator 2021”

Applications accepted through October 1, 2021, unless otherwise filled.

Candidates will be notified of interviews.