



## Shorebird Monitoring Technician Needed

The Shorebird Monitoring Technician (SMT) will be responsible for the American oystercatcher reproductive success monitoring effort at the Masonboro Island component of the N.C. National Estuarine Research Reserve.

The SMT will work out of the Reserve's Wilmington office, located at the University of North Carolina's Center for Marine Science. The SMT's responsibilities include: 1) Field activities: completion of shorebird nest monitoring patrols; installation of protective structures; coordination with staff researching nest failure; maintenance of wildlife cameras; 2) Supporting the Masonboro Island Reserve Species of Concern Programs: data collection following specified protocols; data management and quality control; and submission of data to appropriate databases; 3) Adherence to safety policies and practices; and 4) Property and equipment care: participate in proper use, care, and maintenance of the Reserve's property and equipment, including boats, bikes, handtools, and electronics.

Knowledge and background desired: Experience with biological monitoring and knowledge of shorebirds natural history and nesting is required. Experience with maintaining Excel databases and photo databases is preferred. General skills and capabilities desired: Attention to detail, ability and willingness to work in difficult and physically challenging field conditions, ability to walk up to 9 miles and ability to lift 40 lbs. Small boat handling skills preferred. Minimum acceptable education is senior standing or recent graduate from an accredited university in a related field such as biology, marine biology, conservation biology, or ecology. Graduate level education preferred.

The SMT will work part-time (approx. 30-35 hours per week) for 26-30 weeks, beginning March 1, 2020 or as soon as funding is released. Rate of pay is up to \$14.00/hr. Hours of work will vary due to weather and tides. Early morning hours will be required. This position includes significant independent work in a remote environment.

To apply, please send letter of interest and resume to [suttonh@uncw.edu](mailto:suttonh@uncw.edu) by February 12.