

Job Announcement

Position:	Seasonal Research Assistant
Filing Period:	Until filled.
Starting Salary:	\$17.00 / hour (\$1,360 biweekly)
Benefits:	Limited sick leave benefits after 30 days of satisfactory employment.
Status:	Temporary, Seasonal, At-will employee
Location:	Kern Mosquito & Vector Control District 4705 Allen Road Bakersfield, CA 93314

Position Summary

The Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Seasonal Research Assistant. Under the direction of the Scientific Program Director and Entomologist, this position supports the District's mosquito surveillance, laboratory, and field operations.

Seasonal Research Assistants play an important role in protecting public health by deploying and collecting mosquito surveillance traps, assisting with laboratory identification and data collection, and supporting mosquito control activities using Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices. Work includes both laboratory and outdoor field assignments and requires independent judgment, attention to detail, and regular travel throughout the District's service area using District vehicles.

Key Responsibilities

- Deploy, collect, and maintain mosquito surveillance traps.
- Conduct field inspections to locate mosquito breeding sources.
- Collect adult and immature mosquitoes and assist with species identification.
- Assist with laboratory activities, including mosquito identification, counting, and data entry.
- Maintain accurate surveillance and operational records.
- Apply mosquito control treatments in accordance with regulations and District policies (training provided).
- Operate District vehicles safely while traveling throughout assigned areas.
- Communicate professionally with residents and property owners regarding surveillance activities and mosquito control.
- Assist with equipment maintenance, trap repair, and general operational support.
- Attend required safety meetings and training sessions.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Valid California Class C Driver's License with acceptable driving record.
- Ability to perform strenuous physical outdoor labor work and lift heavy equipment.
- Ability to work independently and follow safety procedures.
- Ability to read, write, and communicate effectively in English.
- Ability and willingness to operate District fleet vehicles.

Employment is contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical examination and drug screening.

Work Environment

Work is performed indoors and outdoors and may involve exposure to heat, weather conditions, pesticides, insects, and uneven terrain. Required personal protective equipment (PPE) is provided.

Position Details

- Temporary, seasonal, non-exempt position
- Combination of laboratory and field operations work
- Training provided

The District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

How to Apply

Interested individuals can obtain an Employment application from the District office or download it from the District website at kernmosquito.com. Completed applications are to be submitted in person at 4705 Allen Road, Bakersfield, CA.

Applications will be reviewed as received, and the position will remain open until filled.