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Bird Banding Opportunities on Pacific Islands Field Biologist 2017-18

BIRD BANDING OPPORTUNITIES IN AMERICAN SAMOA (U.S. Citizens ONLY): The Institute for Bird Populations (IBP) seeks two (2) seasonal field biologists to serve as crew leaders to train and lead volunteers in operating constant effort mist-netting and banding stations on the islands of Ta'u, Tutuila, and Ofu-Olosega in American Samoa from October 15, 2017 through March 30, 2018. Flexibility is appreciated with regard to the dates, as funding is still pending and the start date may be pushed later depending on when the contract is received.

The position entails banding a minimum of 6 out of every 10 days depending on weather and logistical considerations. We are looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated individuals with experience working in a remote location, and a solid background in mist-netting, bird banding, and ageing and sexing landbirds using plumage characteristics. Additionally, at least one successful applicant will need to have experience sampling blood from landbirds. **Applicants without strong bird banding skills will not be considered.** Please include an estimate of how many birds you have banded and a summary of your blood sampling experience in your application.

A U.S. passport valid for the duration of the position, and a valid driver's license are required. We particularly encourage previous MAPS and TMAPS crew members to apply. Roundtrip airfare to American Samoa from San Francisco and free shared housing will be provided in addition to a salary of \$2045/mo.

TO APPLY

Submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references, preferably via email as a single attachment, to:

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Applications are due no later than August 27.

For more information, see our [Pacific Islands Bird Conservation](#) program page.

