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Bird Banding Opportunities on Pacific Islands Volunteer Technicians 2017-18

BIRD BANDING OPPORTUNITIES IN AMERICAN SAMOA (U.S. Citizens ONLY): The Institute for Bird Populations (IBP) seeks up to four (4) volunteer field technicians to operate 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 in or an ability to work with a partner in a remote location, and a solid background in mist-netting, bird banding, and ageing and sexing landbirds using plumage characteristics. **Applicants without strong bird banding skills will not be considered.** Please include an estimate of how many birds you have banded on 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 volunteers to apply. Roundtrip airfare to American Samoa from San Francisco and free shared housing will be provided in addition to a per diem of \$40 for every 8 out of 10 days of the field season, for an approximate total of \$5520.00. Volunteers will be working in teams of 2, either with another volunteer or with a field biologist. Each team will be responsible for operating 6 TMAPS mist-netting stations, liaising with Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources personnel in American Samoa, and submitting monthly progress reports to IBP's main office.

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.