The Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District (SLCMAD) is a local governmental entity serving the citizens of Salt Lake City. The mission of the SLCMAD is the enhancement of health and quality of life through the suppression of mosquito transmitted diseases and the reduction of annoyance levels caused by mosquitoes. Research on the biology and control of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases plays an integral role in fulfilling this mission.

The SLCMAD is seeking highly motivated individuals to assist the SLCMAD Laboratory during the summer season.

Examples of Responsibilities: Assist in the experimental design and collection of data from research projects. Performing field work for research projects, such as placing and servicing mosquito traps. Assist in laboratory operations such as mosquito surveillance and control. Intern may also be asked to contribute in analysis and writing for scientific manuscripts. For examples of previous research projects conducted please see: http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=3H4b4J0AAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao

Benefits: Gain experience in research methodology; learn operational techniques for mosquito control; develop knowledge of techniques and procedures for vector-borne disease monitoring and public health stewardship.

Qualifications: Interest in entomology, biology or public health; willingness to work outdoors; adherence to laboratory standards and protocols; basic understanding of Microsoft Office and databases; good interpersonal skills and communication ability; valid Utah driver’s license, with a good driving record; show an ability to understand biological, ecological, and epidemiological information about mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases.

Preferred Qualifications: Previous experience working in a research laboratory; basic understanding of hypothesis testing; working towards a degree in biology, public health, or related sciences.

Time Commitment and Compensation: $12.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, Mon-Fri, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. Flexible start and ending dates ranging from late April to August 31, with potential to extend further.

How to Apply: For an application and more information about SLCMAD go to http://www.slcmad.org/employment.html. You may also contact Greg White (greg@slcmad.org) for further information.