

Job Description

Job Title:	Maintenance Technician, Palmyra Atoll
Job ID:	39164
Location:	Palmyra
Full/Part Time:	Full-Time
Regular/Temporary:	Regular

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The Nature Conservancy is the world's leading conservation organization, working in all 50 states and more than 33 countries. Founded in 1951, the mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

Located 1,000 miles south of Hawai'i and an untold distance from civilization, Palmyra Atoll is one of the most spectacular marine wilderness areas on Earth. Palmyra is a 680-acre atoll with 480,000 acres of lagoons, coral reefs, and submerged lands. Palmyra is a US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Refuge out to 12 miles and a Marine National Monument out to 50 miles. The Nature Conservancy owns Cooper Island, and manages the atoll in partnership with the USFWS.

Palmyra's research station supports scientific research by the world renowned research institutions making up the Palmyra Atoll Research Consortium (PARC) (see www.palmyra-research.org). Staff are hired on a seasonal basis for approximately 3 months at a time to run the research station and camp facilities. Board and lodging are provided while on-island.

The Maintenance Technician is responsible for field station maintenance and supports field station operations. This full-time position is responsible for upkeep and repairs of all field station facilities including buildings, roads, and runway; maintenance of water, waste, plumbing and electrical systems; maintenance of generators; assists with vehicle maintenance including boats, trucks, & tractors; trouble-shooting including rust abatement and painting; assists with maintenance and repairs for diesel, gasoline and outboard engines, as well as all motorized and non-motorized equipment. Responsible for tracking and maintaining inventory of necessary parts and materials for maintenance operations. Responsible for daily cleaning and maintenance of selected field station facilities and any other duties as assigned by the Field Station Manager or Palmyra Program Director.

This is a seasonal assignment with the opportunity to return for future assignments based on performance. Assignments require residence on Palmyra Atoll with no option of leaving until season is complete.

*High school diploma and 4 years direct experience in maintaining facilities and equipment with applied knowledge in electrical, mechanical, plumbing, refrigeration, basic carpentry and painting skills.

*Experience with repairing mechanical equipment and engines.

*Experience driving and operating heavy machinery.

*Ability to perform work that requires physical mobility; including climbing tall ladders, working on roofs and small cramped spaces.

*Ability to operate various types of equipment in a safe and efficient manner (e.g.; lawn mower, chainsaw, tractor, backhoe, bulldozer, dump truck, two-way radio, etc)

*Ability to complete tasks independently and manage diverse activities under deadlines.

*Ability to perform physical work, sometime under adverse conditions or in inclement weather

*Ability to operate a motor vehicle and possession of a valid driver's license

*PC familiarity; ability to maintain inventory of parts and supplies in Excel.

Please address in your cover letter how you meet the 5 basic qualification listed.

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*Ability to lift up to 50 pounds.

The Maintenance Technician will work 6 days per week, in variable weather conditions (hot, humid, wet), at a remote location, on difficult and hazardous terrain, and under physically demanding circumstances. These conditions:

- require considerable physical exertion and/or muscular strain
- present frequent possibility of injury
- require long hours in isolated settings
- require living on Palmyra Atoll for approximately 3 months at a time with no option to leave
- require living and working with a small community of people 24/7
- require employees to be on call on 48 hour shifts to allow for 24 hour a day emergency coverage
- require employees to assist with community chores even on days off

Please complete an online application at www.nature.org/careers and upload a resume and cover letter. Please explain how you meet the 5 basic qualifications listed. Review of applications will be on-going as needed as assignments are seasonal and filled year round.

The successful candidate must possess, or be able to obtain, a valid Passport with an expiration date later than your term of employment, proof of a physical examination showing good physical and a current tetanus vaccination. In addition, TNC requires staff to obtain a membership in an Emergency Evacuation Service. More information on these issues can be obtained.

Failure to complete all of the required fields may result in your application being disqualified from consideration. The information entered in the education and work experience sections are auto screened by the system based on the basic qualifications of the position.

You must click submit to apply for the position. Click save if you want to be able to return to your application and submit it later. Once submitted, applications cannot be revised or edited. The Nature Conservancy is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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