

# Field Technician (Little Fire Ant Control) - Guam



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MILITARY LANDS

Colorado State University

## POSITION

One non-student hourly Field Technician (Little Fire Ant Control) position is available with Colorado State University (CSU) Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML). This is a full-time (40 hours/week) temporary appointment (not to exceed 9 months) and will be physically located in Guam. The majority of work will be conducted on US military bases. Military affiliation is **not** required to apply for this position.

## ORGANIZATION

CEMML is a research, education, and service unit within the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University (CSU). CEMML applies the latest and most appropriate science to promote the sustainable management of natural and cultural resources on Department of Defense (DoD) and other public lands. We provide technical support, conduct applied research, and offer career development and learning opportunities to support resource stewardship. We collaborate with our sponsors and within CSU to resolve complex environmental issues, leaving a legacy of science-based decisions that sustain our resources for future generations.

To learn more about CEMML's contributions to land management, our mission, vision, and values, visit <http://www.cemml.colostate.edu/>.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The Field Technician will conduct vegetation clearing, transect cutting, ant population delineations and chemical control of invasive little fire ants (*Wasmannia auropunctata*) on military lands. The Field Technician will also be responsible for operating power tools including bushcutters, chainsaws, and hedgers. The Field Technician will also be responsible for recording and entering field data using smartphones and computer tablets. There will likely be opportunities to assist with other ecological tasks, including surveys for endangered species. The Field Technician is expected to carry out their tasks in a safe, conscientious manner with an emphasis on workplace safety, the proper use of pesticides, tools, and biosecurity. Successful candidates will be part of a dynamic team of field technicians directed by the field task leader and supervised by the project Entomologist.

This position is a temporary appointment. Possible extension of this position depends on continued funding by project sponsors.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have a minimum of a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.
- Minimum of one (1) year of work experience with landscaping, agriculture, pest-control or natural resources. Experience needs to be well-documented and acquired under the employment of an academic institution, governmental agency, private company, or non-profit organization in the appropriate field.
- Must be capable of walking several consecutive miles while carrying gear and performing manual labor in a hot tropical environment on uneven terrain on most days.

- Must have experience conducting fieldwork and accurately recording and entering data.
- Ability to use compass, maps, smartphone applications, and GPS.
- The successful candidate must be legally authorized to work in the United States by the proposed start date. U.S. citizenship or employment authorization required. CEMML will not provide visa sponsorship for this position.
- Must have a valid driver's license and a clean driving record.
- Must be willing to submit for NACI background check to obtain a DoD Common Access Card.

## **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

- B.S. degree in biology, zoology, ecology, wildlife sciences, botany, agriculture, or a closely related science.
- More than two (2) years' work experience with landscaping, agriculture or natural resources.
- Experience implementing methods for control of little fire ants or other insect species.
- Experience working in Micronesia, Hawaii or other tropical Islands in the biological, natural resources, or agricultural fields.
- Experience working on a military installation and interacting with military staff.
- Familiarity with DOD/Navy environmental and safety regulations.
- Possession of Guam CORE pest control applicator's license. Equivalent license from other states acceptable.

## **SALARY**

Hourly salary range \$17 to \$21/hour, commensurate with experience.

## **APPLICATION**

Prospective candidates should send application materials to Ken Puliafico at [ken.puliafico@colostate.edu](mailto:ken.puliafico@colostate.edu) and Abigail Arfman at [aarfman@colostate.edu](mailto:aarfman@colostate.edu). This position is open until filled. A complete application consists of:

- 1) Cover letter
- 2) Resume
- 3) References – please include within your application contact information for 3 professional references including at least one supervisor. References will not be contacted without prior notification of candidates.

**Employee Benefits:** Employee Benefit information can be found on HR's Website at <https://hr.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/25/2021/02/benefits-summary-hourly.pdf> and <https://hr.colostate.edu/current-employees/benefits/>

CSU is an EO/EA/AA employer.

Colorado State University conducts background checks on all final candidates