**Research Assistant/At-Sea Technician**

*Position Description*
Coonamessett Farm Foundation, Inc. (CFF) is a small non-profit organization located in East Falmouth, MA that conducts and supports scientific research and educational activities that promote sustainable fisheries operations, local small-scale agriculture and aquaculture, and renewable energy sources. CFF is seeking a motivated, experienced research assistant/technician with fisheries and observer experience. The candidate will work closely with fellow CFF employees and captains of fishing vessels to participate in seasonal offshore research trips for a variety of ongoing projects. Additionally, the candidate will be fully engaged in the annotation of underwater video and photography, utilizing a variety of interfaces, including CFF’s sea scallop automated detection project. The ideal candidate will be able to work well in a professional, team-oriented environment. The candidate is expected to be in the office when they are not out at sea. The contract will be for six months with the possibility of extension depending on performance. Compensation is based on experience and qualifications.

*Specific Responsibilities*

* Assist Principal Investigators (PIs) with underwater image and video annotations, as instructed, requiring 20 to 30 hours of committed imagery review per pay period
* Participate in research cruises for various CFF projects (it is anticipated the successful candidate will be at sea for at least 50-60 days/year)
* Interact with collaborators to maintain and build equipment, including scallop dredges
* Maintain seagoing equipment and complete monthly inventories of gear
* Work with research biologists to create and improve custom, innovative survey tools and gear designs

*Qualifications*

* Minimum B.S. or B.A. in marine science, environmental science, natural resources, or fisheries-related degree
* Previous at-sea experience (observer experience preferred)
* Previous experience aboard commercial vessels or assisting in marine-related research projects preferred
* Must be able to lift 50 lbs, bend, stretch, and stand for extended periods of time; including working in inclement weather

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

*Benefits*
CFF offers a competitive benefits package and compensation commensurate with experience.

*Application*Please submit cover letter and CV to contact@cfarm.org
The proposed start date for this position is *January 16, 2023*.

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