Field technicians needed in Alaska for shorebird and small mammal research

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game is recruiting 2 field technicians to help with wildlife studies in Southcentral Alaska from 11 May – 31 August, 2020 (end date is flexible). The first is a study of Lesser Yellowlegs migration, survival, and genetics, and the second study investigates collared pika demography and diet. The yellowlegs project will occur from May through June and will be based in Anchorage, and the pika project will take place from July through August, based in Palmer and at remote field sites. There will be a 2-week break between projects in early July. Duties include, but are not limited to capturing and tagging yellowlegs, re-sighting color bands, nest searching, conducting surveys of pikas at high elevation sites, trapping and handling pikas, setting remote camera traps, and entering data. Applicants must be willing to endure long days, strenuous physical activity, and adverse conditions (rain, snow, heat, mosquitoes, bears, etc.). The hourly wage will be approximately $16.84/hour equating to approximately $2526/month, not including overtime. Funding for this position is contingent on final administrative approval. Applicants must be Alaska residents prior to applying (criteria for residency can be found here: http://doa.alaska.gov/dop/Recruitment/alaskaRes/).

Qualifications:
Ability to navigate using compass and GPS.
Ability to take detailed notes and meticulously fill out data sheets.
Field experience in wildlife biology.
Ability to work long, irregular hours, including weekends.
Ability to hike long distances and carry heavy loads.
A valid driver’s license and ability to operate 4WD vehicles.
Willingness to work in adverse weather conditions and safely climb over boulders.
Comfortable working and living closely with other technicians in remote locations.
Preference will be given to applicants who have experience handling birds and/or small mammals.
Applicants must be Alaska residents at the time of application.

To apply:
Please submit a cover letter indicating how you meet the above qualifications along with your resume and contact information for 3 references to Katie Christie with the Threatened, Endangered, and Diversity Program, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, katie.christie@alaska.gov before 3 February, 2020.