FSU's Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium invites applications for two biodiversity informatics positions. The 12-week, full-time positions begin May 22, 2017, and end August 11, 2017. The two technicians will barcode, digitally image, and database herbarium specimens during that time. All work will occur on FSU's main campus in Tallahassee at the herbarium (Bio Unit 1, room 100).

FSU's Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium is a museum-quality collection of over 220,000 plant and microalgae specimens (example to right). These document the distribution and natural variation of the 2,400 species of flowering plants, ferns, conifers, and cycads found in northern Florida—one of North America's biodiversity hotspots—and the microalgae of Florida’s Gulf and Atlantic coasts. Each plant specimen is carefully identified, pressed, dried, and mounted to archival standards, with accompanying data on where and when it was collected. The specimens are a valued resource to researchers, educators, natural resource managers, and policy makers. New specimens are added to the collection each week. For more information, visit the herbarium website at http://herbarium.bio.fsu.edu/ or view the introductory video at http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewResourcePerspectivesVideo/Preview/166547.

The positions are part of the US National Science Foundation grant "The Keys to the Cabinets: Building and Sustaining a Research Database for a Global Biodiversity Hotspot." For more information, visit the online abstract at https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1410288.

Job Requirements: Ability to accurately follow detailed protocols and work collaboratively in an effective and friendly way. Self-motivation and attention to detail.

Qualifications: Experience with digital photography and taxonomy is desired but not necessary.

Wages: $9 per hour

Qualified applicants should send a cover letter briefly describing career goals, resume, and contact information for three references as a single document to Austin Mast at amast@bio.fsu.edu with the email subject as Informatics Position. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until positions have been filled.

Direct specific questions to Austin Mast (amast@bio.fsu.edu, 850-645-1500).

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