

GMOD Community Support Specialist hired

The following opening was filled by Amelia Ireland as of July 1, 2012.

Are you fascinated by genomics and bioinformatics? Are you passionate about collaborative open-source software? Do you enjoy teaching and working with scientists? Are you a natural communicator?

The Generic Model Organism Database project ([GMOD](#)) is a collection of open source software tools for creating and managing biological, and particularly genomic, databases. GMOD has a large, highly distributed, and dynamic community of software users and developers. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has an opening for a GMOD Community Support Specialist, to be based at the [US National Evolutionary Synthesis Center](#) in Durham, North Carolina, while serving the international community of GMOD users.

Job Description: The incumbent will present tutorials; organize short courses, conference sessions, GMOD meetings and other community building activities; survey user needs; liaise between users and developers on GMOD mailing lists; and oversee the community wiki and news feeds. The incumbent will collaborate closely with the GMOD Coordinator ([Scott Cain](#), The Ontario Institute for Cancer Research) and other distributed personnel. See [GMOD Community Support](#) for more background. The position offers a competitive salary and the incumbent will receive a comprehensive benefits package as an SPA employee within the UNC system. Funding is anticipated to be available for three years.

Qualifications: Required qualifications include: excellent written and verbal communication skills; team orientation with strong interpersonal skills. Preferred qualifications include: an MS or PhD in biology, computer science or related field; three or more years of experience with genome database administration or curation, preferably in a GMOD environment; at least one year of experience with web content management, ideally using MediaWiki; freedom to travel 5-15 weeks/yr.

To Apply: Please provide a cover letter and CV, including contact information for three references, to Hilmar Lapp, Assistant Director of Informatics, NESCent, at hlapp@nescent.org. Inquiries may be addressed to H. Lapp by email or by phone at 919.668.5288.

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