



Student Employment Opportunity

*Nebraska Forest Service, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources
University of Nebraska-Lincoln*



Position Summary: The Student Forestry Technician is a full-time seasonal position with the Nebraska Forest Service (NFS). Technicians will assist the NFS with management of two forestry properties: Prairie Pines near Lincoln and Horning State Farm Demonstration Forest near Plattsmouth. Work involves various aspects of forestry, horticulture and natural resource management in a forest setting. Individuals will report daily to Forestry Hall on East Campus and travel to one of the two NFS properties.

Benefits: The successful candidate will receive professional experience and exposure to the diverse field of forestry and its practices. During their tenure, s/he will gain marketable skills that can be leveraged to obtain natural resources employment following graduation. The student will also work alongside NFS forestry professionals, furthering their knowledge of conservation and resource issues.

Schedule and Wage: 40 hours a week from May 8 – August 18, 2017. Compensation is \$10.00-12.00/hour depending on experience.

Summary of Duties:

- Maintaining hazelnut, pecan, chestnut, walnut plots and forest demonstration sites.
- Growing and maintaining research plant material.
- Planting and caring for trees.
- Installing and maintaining animal protection devices.
- Controlling invasive plant species.
- Herbicide application.
- General grounds and building maintenance.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Current valid driver's license and eligibility to meet UNL driving standards required.
- Ability to work outside in all weather conditions.
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Completed or currently enrolled in courses related to horticulture, natural resources or environmental studies.
- Ability to learn forestry practices such as species identification, pruning, and operation of hand or power tools.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Farm or machinery experience.
- Pesticide applicator license.
- Previous work, volunteer or internship experience in the natural resources field.
- Experience with taxonomic classification or species identification.
- Self-starter and ability to interact with various NFS stakeholders and members of the public.
- Knowledge of natural resources issues pertaining to Nebraska.

Questions or inquiries into the position may be directed to:

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