

State of South Carolina
Forester I

SALARY	\$31,561.00 - \$58,393.00 Annually	LOCATION	Richland County, SC
JOB TYPE	FTE - Full-Time	JOB NUMBER	162554
AGENCY	Forestry Commission	OPENING DATE	03/07/2024
CLOSING DATE	3/21/2024 11:59 PM Eastern	CLASS CODE:	LD50
POSITION NUMBER:	60011487	NORMAL WORK SCHEDULE:	Monday - Friday (8:30 - 5:00)
PAY BAND	Band 4	OPENING DATE	03/07/2024
EEO STATEMENT	Equal Opportunity Employer	AGENCY SPECIFIC APPLICATION PROCEDURES:	<p>*Must upload current college transcript when applying* When applying for this position, the electronic state application must be completed to include the Education and Work Experience sections and the Supplemental Questions. This includes a detailed description of each work-related position and, if applicable, military service (indicate rank) and job-related volunteer work that you feel qualifies you for the position. Failure to provide detailed and complete work-related information may result in your application being rejected. A resume will not be accepted or reviewed to determine if an applicant has met the qualifications for the position. A criminal records check will be conducted prior to an offer of employment. SCFC requires individuals to complete an online application to apply for this position. Interested individuals can access www.careers.sc.gov, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Applicants indicating college credit or degree(s) on the application may upload an unofficial copy of the transcript as an attachment to the application. Please note that the agency will require an official, certified copy of the transcript or diploma prior to hiring.</p>

DRIVING RECORD: If this position requires the applicant to possess a valid driver's license to operate a state vehicle or personal vehicle, any applicant being considered in the final stages of selection for the position will be required to provide a certified copy of a 10-year driving record,

VETERAN PREFERENCE STATEMENT South Carolina is making our Veterans a priority for employment in state agencies and institutions.

Job Responsibilities

Works as a two-person crew locating forest inventory plots and records inventory and health monitoring data at a minimum production rate with the degree of accuracy required by the U.S. Forest Service- Southern Research Station- Forest Inventory and Analysis Unit. Assist in determining ownership and obtaining permission from owner to enter property where plots are located. Digitally transmit completed data to U.S. Forest Service. Attends training sessions related to the Forest Inventory and Analysis program, Forester I position and other required or voluntary South Carolina Forestry Commission training. Participates in activities and/or projects in support of agency's mission and performs other duties as required. Works under direct supervision and performs job duties independently.

This is an entry level Forest Inventory and Analysis, Forester I position.

Minimum and Additional Requirements

A bachelor's degree in forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters. Must successfully pass the U.S. Forest Service Inventory and Analysis certification test within the first year of employment. Required to be a SC registered forester within two years of appointment. A criminal background check is a condition of employment. Must possess a valid SC Driver's license (Class D).

*Applicants indicating college credit or degree(s) on the application may upload an unofficial copy of the transcript as an attachment to the application. Please note that the agency will require an official, certified copy of the transcript or diploma prior to hiring. *

Preferred Qualifications

Working knowledge of current forestry management techniques and practices. Ability to effectively communicate in writing and verbally. Ability to establish working relationships with employees, other agencies, and the general public.

Additional Comments

Do you have a passion for forestry? Would you like to be part of an organization whose mission is to protect, promote, and enhance South Carolina's forests for the benefit of all? If so, the South Carolina Forestry Commission's (SCFC) Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program has a great job opportunity for you!

We are looking for highly motivated individuals who have an interest in collecting forest resource data on a network of plots located in the Low Country of the State of South Carolina. FIA Foresters are critically important in collecting forest resource data that is used to evaluate the status of the forests of South Carolina.

FIA is the nation's continuous "forest census." The data collected reports on the quantity and condition of our forests. FIA field data are used to analyze and report how much forest exists, where it is located, who owns it, and how it is changing over time. FIA also reports on how well trees are growing, how many have died or been removed, the impact of insects and diseases, and how many acres of forests we are gaining or losing over time. The program projects what forests are likely to look like in 10 to 50 years from now. FIA is the fundamental building block for forest resource managers to assess South Carolina's and America's forests to ensure they are sustainable and available for future generations to enjoy.

The SCFC's FIA program develops its foresters with knowledge and skill sets that will carry an individual throughout their career. Through training and real world experiences, FIA Foresters gain expertise in forest management and silvicultural practices, forest insects and diseases, and tree and invasive plant species identification. In addition, FIA Foresters gain and possess knowledge pertaining to wood utilization, the forest industry, and the potential for trees to become growing stock for commercial use.

Must be able to lift, walk, squat, climb, and carry objects up to 50 lbs. Ability to work both indoors and outdoors in changing environmental conditions. Works a Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm schedule. Occasional overnight travel required. This position's duty is in Richland County.

Agency

State of South Carolina

Agency

Forestry Commission

Address

5500 Broad River Road

Columbia, South Carolina, 29212

Phone

803-896-8879

THE LANGUAGE USED IN THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT CREATE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE EMPLOYEE AND THE AGENCY. THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT CREATE ANY CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS OR ENTITLEMENTS. THE AGENCY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVISE THE CONTENT OF THIS DOCUMENT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART. NO PROMISES OR ASSURANCES, WHETHER WRITTEN OR ORAL, WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO OR INCONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THIS PARAGRAPH CREATE ANY CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT.

Forester I Supplemental Questionnaire

***QUESTION 1**

Supplemental Questions are considered part of your official application. Any misrepresentation will result in your disqualification from employment. Please complete the state application to include all current and previous work experience and education. This includes any military service (indicate rank) and job-related volunteer work that you feel qualifies you for the position. Failure to provide detailed and complete work-related information may result in your application being rejected. A resume will not be accepted or reviewed to determine if an applicant has met the qualifications for the position. I have read and acknowledge the above statement.

- Yes
 No

***QUESTION 2**

If this position requires the applicant to possess a valid driver's license to operate a state vehicle or personal vehicle, any applicant being considered in the final stages of selection for the position may be required to provide a certified copy of a 10-year driving record. I have read and understand this statement.

- Yes
 No

***QUESTION 3**

Applicants indicating college credit or degree(s) on the application may upload an unofficial copy of the transcript as an attachment to the application. Please note that the agency will require an official, certified copy of the transcript or diploma prior to hiring. I have read and understand this statement.

- Yes
 No

***QUESTION 4**

Are you willing to accept a starting salary of \$47,509-\$50,834?

- Yes
 No

***QUESTION 5**

Have you uploaded and attached a copy of your transcripts to this application?

- Yes
 No

* Required Question