

State of South Carolina

Re-Advertisement FIA Forester I

SALARY	\$48,634.00 - \$51,977.00 Annually	LOCATION	Darlington County, SC
JOB TYPE	FTE - Full-Time	JOB NUMBER	162149
AGENCY	Forestry Commission	DIVISION	FIA
OPENING DATE	02/28/2024	CLOSING DATE	Continuous
RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT	No	CLASS CODE:	LD50
POSITION NUMBER:	60011486	NORMAL WORK SCHEDULE:	Monday - Friday (8:30 - 5:00)
PAY BAND	Band 4	HIRING RANGE - MIN.	\$48,634.00
HIRING RANGE - MAX.	\$51,977.00	OPENING DATE	02/27/2024
EEO STATEMENT	Equal Opportunity Employer	AGENCY SPECIFIC APPLICATION PROCEDURES:	*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 must 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.

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

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Under direct supervision, records forest inventory and health monitoring data on forest inventory plots with a degree of accuracy as required by the U.S. Forest Service - Southern Research Station - Forest Inventory and Analysis Unit.

Works on a two-person forestry 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.

Spring 2024 graduates may be considered for employment, contingent upon receipt of a bachelor's degree in Forestry (or related natural resources field) from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) prior to start date. You will be required to submit a certified official college transcript prior to the first day of employment. You will be considered ineligible for employment if you fail to obtain a bachelor's degree in forestry (or related natural resources field) from a college or university accredited by SAF or provide a certified official college transcript prior to the first day of employment.

Minimum and Additional Requirements

-A bachelor's degree in forestry from a program accredited by the Society of American Foresters or a bachelor's degree in a related natural resources field that meets the Society of American Foresters' Certified Forester educational requirements.

-Must successfully pass the U.S. Forest Service Forest 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).

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 Upstate and Piedmont Regions of South Carolina. FIA Foresters are critically important in collecting forest resource data that are 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.

Requires 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. 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 station is Darlington County.

*This position will require that the successful candidate pass a pre-employment alcohol and drug test as well as be subject to random, post incident/accident, reasonable suspicion and rehabilitation monitoring and drug and alcohol testing consistent with SCFC Drug-Free Workplace Policy and Procedure. *

If you have questions, please contact Byron Rominger, FIA Hiring Manager at (803) 896-8804.

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Columbia, South Carolina, 29212

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Re-Advertisement FIA 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 must 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 \$48,634-\$51,977?

- Yes
- No

***QUESTION 5**

Do you have a bachelor's degree in forestry (or related natural resources field) from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters?

- Yes
- No

***QUESTION 6**

Are you a pending graduate that will receive a bachelor's or graduate degree in forestry (or related natural resources field) from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF)?

- Yes
- No

***QUESTION 7**

If you are a pending graduate that will receive a bachelor's or graduate degree in forestry (or related natural resources field) from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF)? Please submit your anticipated graduation date.

* Required Question