

FOREST MANAGEMENT

CAREERS WITH THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

Forester

This is a position with the greatest career latitude and opportunity for advancement to a supervisory or executive planning position. Newly hired foresters will either be assigned to work with private forest landowners, or they will be assigned to a state forest or into the Forest Inventory & Analysis (FIA) program. Foresters make woodland examinations and write plans tailored to a landowner's management objectives. They may mark timber, conduct prescribed burning, supervise harvesting and planting operations, and work with wildlife, soil conservation and other natural resource agencies. They will be involved in forest fire prevention and suppression and may supervise firefighting personnel. They may also work in special programs such as urban forestry, insect and disease management, marketing, conservation education and environmental affairs.



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's degree in forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters. Must be or become a registered forester within two years of employment.

Types of Foresters

PROJECT FORESTER

- Private landowner forest management assistance and fire prevention and suppression

STEWARDSHIP FORESTER

- Private landowner multiple use forest management planning and assistance

BMP FORESTER

- Water and environmental quality monitoring relating to forest management

FIA FORESTER

- State wide forest resource inventory and analysis

URBAN FORESTER

- Urban tree care, management and planning





BENEFITS OF STATE EMPLOYEES

State Benefits

The state of South Carolina offers eligible employees generous benefits, including health and dental insurance; retirement and savings plan options; and paid vacation and sick leave. Plus, work-life balance programs such as telecommuting and flexible work schedules are available to employees of some state agencies.

Eligible employees may enroll in health insurance, which includes prescription coverage and wellness benefits. Other available insurance benefits include dental, vision, term life insurance, long term disability and flexible spending accounts for health and child care expenses.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

State employees are also offered retirement plan options, including defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Additionally, eligible employees may elect to participate in the South Carolina Deferred Compensation Program, which is a voluntary, supplemental retirement savings plan offering 401(k) and 457 plan options.

WORKPLACE BENEFITS

State employees may also be eligible for other benefits, including tuition assistance; holiday, annual and sick leave; and discounts on purchases, travel and more.

NOTE

The benefits above are available to most state employees, with the exception of those in temporary positions. Employees in temporary grant and time-limited positions may be eligible for all, some or none of these benefits as benefits are associated with each position type. For these positions, contact the hiring agency to determine what benefits may be available.

Affirmative Action

The South Carolina Forestry Commission (the Commission) is committed to a policy of equal employment regardless of race, sex, gender, age (40 and over), color, religion, national origin, disability, pregnancy, genetic information or military status (including reserves), or any other legally protected category under federal, state or local law.

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