



Job Opening: Technical Service Provider

The Savanna Institute invites applications for a Technical Service Provider to help farmers in the Midwest adopt agroforestry practices, help design plantings, advise on implementation, and access USDA cost share opportunities. We seek applicants who share our passion for ecological and equitable agriculture as a nature-based climate solution and who are motivated to widen the circle of who has the opportunity to inform, support, and benefit from its development. To that end, we are seeking a diversity of voices at the table and strongly encourage people of color, women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, people with disabilities, members of ethnic minorities, foreign-born residents, and veterans to apply.

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Organization Description

The Savanna Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Madison, Wisconsin and Urbana, Illinois. Established in 2013, we work in collaboration with farmers, scientists, and other stakeholders to develop perennial food and fodder crops within multifunctional systems grounded in ecology and inspired by the savanna biome. Our work aims to lay the groundwork for widespread agroforestry in the Midwest US via strategic research and education. For more information, please visit savannainstitute.org.

How To Apply Submit a resume/CV and cover letter to jobs@savannainstitute.org

Deadline All applications must be received by **11:59 pm CT on April 24th, 2023.**

Questions? Email Kathleen Fitzgibbon, Operations Manager, kathleen@savannainstitute.org.

Diversity Commitment

The Savanna Institute affirms the value of diversity of staff and stakeholders, and aims to foster inclusive environments and equitable outcomes of our work. We seek individuals who are committed to these goals.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Equal Opportunity is and shall be provided for all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without unlawful discrimination on the basis of their race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable state or federal law.



Position Opening – Technical Service Provider

This position will assist the Agroforestry Adoption Team's efforts to increase landowners' engagement in Farm Bill programs and improve the ability of local and state agencies, as well as Tribal Nations, to deliver agroforestry technical support. This position will work closely with other members of our Agroforestry Adoption team.

Job Description

Hours: Full-time

Start Date: May 2023

Location: Upper Midwest (IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, WI)

Salary: \$57,000 to \$62,000

- This position is eligible for the Institute's benefits package. Benefits for full-time employees include 30 days paid time off per year, a Health Reimbursement arrangement that can be applied to insurance premiums and approved healthcare costs, and a monthly home office stipend.
- This position will report to the TSP Team Manager
- This position will require travel using a personal vehicle with mileage reimbursement

Duties/Responsibilities

- Consult with farmers & landowners to develop plans for agroforestry practices based on their goals
- Assist farmers with accessing Farm Bill programs for technical and financial assistance for agroforestry
- Assist in implementation and reporting on a USDA-funded grant agreement
- Coordinate program evaluation and development

Required Qualifications

- Agricultural experience
- Experience with agroforestry, horticulture, forestry, or other related agricultural practices
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Experience with GIS or equivalent tools
- Commitment to participating in a collaborative environment
- Experience working with a high degree of autonomy and accountability
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in a field related to agriculture
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation for occasional work-related travel

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience with Farm Bill programs or other programs that provide technical and financial support
- Experience with farm enterprises and cropping systems
- Experience with client management
- Experience with landscape and/or farm design