



About This Role: Kansas Forest Service is currently hiring two full-time Agricultural Technician II positions to be a part of our Tech Team. The Tech Team will implement forestry-related tasks throughout the State of Kansas and will work under the direct supervision of the Tech Team Lead. Additional assistance and oversight will be provided by KFS field staff (district foresters, district fire management officers, and the forest health coordinator) to collect urban tree inventories, identify and monitor forest health threats, remove invasive species, measure and mark timber stands enrolled in conservation programs, wildland fire management, wildlife habitat improvement, collect viable seed, and assist with KFS grounds and Arboretum maintenance tasks. Training, guidance, and equipment will be provided for each of these tasks. The Tech Team will work a schedule of Monday-Thursday, 7:30am – 6:30pm each week.

This is a great opportunity to explore the many programs and services offered by the Kansas Forest Service and work across the State of Kansas.

Why Join Us: The Kansas Forest Service is the 5th oldest state forestry agency in the country established in 1887 and is housed as an independent agency within K-State Research and Extension. The agency employs 42 full-time employees, and 50+ temporary and student positions, housed in Manhattan, KS and offices throughout the state. Our programs include Rural Forestry, Community Forestry, Fire Management, Conservation Tree Planting, Forest Health, and Marketing and Utilization.

KFS works with a diverse group of partners at local, state, and federal levels to help serve the State of Kansas in pursuit of our mission: "Sustaining and enhancing natural resources and communities through forestry and wildland fire management". We pride ourselves on the multi-faceted services we provide the many stakeholders of Kansas. KFS contributes an estimated combined economic impact of \$34 million annually.

Kansas State University offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes health insurance, life insurance, retirement plans, paid time off – vacation, sick, and holidays. To see what benefits are available, please visit: <https://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits>

Worksite Option: This role is expected to be performed on-site. Each work week will begin and end at the Kansas Forest State Office in Manhattan, KS. The work itself will take place within the forestry and fire program districts across Kansas with regularly scheduled travel (transportation and lodging provided by KFS).

We Support Diversity and Inclusion:

Kansas State University embraces diversity and inclusion. The university actively seeks individuals who foster a collegial environment and cooperative interactions with coworkers, students, and others. The University is dedicated to promoting the [Principles of Community](#).

What You'll Need to Succeed:

Minimum Qualifications:

- One year of relevant experience
- GED or High School Diploma (education may be substituted for experience as determined relevant by a hiring manager. Educational equivalency means that education and experience may be combined to fulfill the minimum qualifications. For details on how to combine these, and to see a matrix that illustrates this process, please refer to our [guidelines](#).)

Preferred Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree in Forestry or a closely related natural resource discipline
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Experience using and maintaining tools and equipment (chainsaws, drip torches, pole saws, pruners, backpack sprayers, and ladders)
- Experience following safety protocols and maintaining accurate records of work performed

Other Requirements:

- Driver's License upon employment
- Perform physically demanding tasks in all weather conditions
- Obtain red card within first year of employment
- Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment

How to Apply:

Please submit the following documents:

1. Resume
2. Cover Letter
3. Professional References

Screening of Applications Begins:

Screening begins immediately and continues until position is filled. For best consideration, apply by April 4, 2025.

Anticipated Hiring Salary Range:

\$17.50 - \$19.00/hour

Equal Employment Opportunity:

Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, national origin, disability or status as a protected veteran.

Background Screening Statement:

In connection with your application for employment, Kansas State University will procure a Background Screen on you as part of the process of considering your candidacy as an employee.