Multiple openings (2-3): Forest Resource Assistants

University of California Personnel Manual Title: Agricultural Technician

The Center for Forestry manages multiple forest research stations. Assignments may be at any one of these sites, but most will be at Blodgett Forest in El Dorado County, CA with trips of varying lengths to other properties. Forestry-related research in areas of forest ecology, ecosystem processes, silviculture, and forest management are conducted at Center properties. These positions provide broad support for achieving the mission of facilitating research, demonstration, and education. A wide variety of work experience is provided, including experience towards becoming a CA registered professional forester. Information on these properties and their function is available at http://www.cnr.berkeley.edu/forestry/blodgett.php

EMPLOYMENT DATES:
12 to 18 consecutive weeks, between May 16, 2016 and October 28, 2016. Start date is negotiable.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Work experience or coursework including field exercises covering the following:

REQUIRED:
- Vegetation measurement techniques, including use of tree measurement tools.
- Identification of common Sierra Nevada plants.
- Field orientation/surveying including use of a compass and maps.

PREFERRED:
- Safe use and maintenance of chainsaws, brushcutters or pruners, and forestry hand tools.
- Operation of automatic four wheel drive vehicles and valid Calif. Driver’s license.
- Use of field data loggers and computers to collect research-grade precision data.
- Enrolled in or recently graduated from university program that includes curricula related to management of forest resources.

These positions are fulltime, temporary. Applicants must be physically fit and capable of sustained physical work during summer forest weather conditions. >90% of work is outdoors.

DUTIES: ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING:
- Resource monitoring program, including measurement of permanent vegetation and riparian plots
- Various silviculture and ecology research studies
- Stand improvement practices, including thinning, pruning, and mechanical/chemical weeding
- Timber harvest preparation including timber marking and layout.
- Surveying forest feature locations, including use of Global Positioning Devices
- Maintenance of roads, facilities, and equipment
- Work with interns to provide guidance in performing forestry field work

SALARY: $2789.22 - $3203.34 / month, depending on experience.
[On-site Housing may be rented. Work schedule is normally 40 hours/week M-F, but may be adjusted]

CLOSING DATE: 02/19/2016, or until filled

TO APPLY: When applying, submit resume plus names and contact information of two references. Include description of work experience and/or relevant class experience. For questions, contact athomson@berkeley.edu

An on-line application is required. Apply through UC Berkeley’s job listings (http://jobs.berkeley.edu/) Job# 21131, keyword : Center for Forestry

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