About This Role: As the Rural Forestry Coordinator of the Kansas Forest Service (KFS) at Kansas State University, you will provide leadership, coordination, technical and educational support for the Rural Forestry Program (RFP) staff and RFP partners. RFP assists landowners in active management and planning of forests, woodlands, windbreaks, and riparian forests through technical assistance from professional foresters.

Your responsibilities will be to:

• Guide direction of the Rural Forestry Program
• Plan, staff, evaluate, and direct work of employees within the RFP
• Promote the RFP and KFS through outreach and education
• Represent the RFP with federal, state, local, and private resource agencies

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 35 full-time employees, and 40+ 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: “Care of Natural Resources and Service to People Through Forestry”. 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

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:

• Bachelor’s degree in forestry, natural resources, or closely-related degree.
• 3-5 years of administration and leadership responsibilities.
• Effective written and oral communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.
Preferred Qualifications:

- Master’s degree in forestry, natural resources, or closely-related degree.
- 8-10 years of administration and leadership responsibilities.
- Excellent written and oral communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.
- Society of American Foresters Certified Forester accreditation.

Other Requirements:

- 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. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Professional references

Screening of Applications Begins:

Immediately and continues until position is filled. For best consideration, apply by November 26, 2021.

Anticipated Hiring Salary Range:

$74,000 - $82,000

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.