

POSITION X22104 Extension Specialist

LOCATION The University of Tennessee, Institute of Agriculture, Extension, Department of Forestry, Wildlife, & Fisheries, Knoxville, TN

EFFECTIVE DATE Review of applications will begin January 15, 2023 and will continue until the position is filled.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

Salary is commensurate with training and experience. Benefits include group hospitalization and life insurance; State Employees Retirement; Workers' Compensation; sick and annual leave; numerous University of Tennessee and state benefits programs, including liberal time off for holidays and longevity pay after three years of service; reimbursement for official travel.

JOB DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture invites applications for the position of Extension Specialist in Forest and Wildlife Management. This is an exempt, full-time, 12-month, non-tenure track position with full-benefits stationed in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Extension Specialist provides leadership for planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating forestry and wildlife educational programs for the citizens of Tennessee and the region. The programs are developed and delivered for all people, regardless of race, color, age, national origin, sex, or disability. The Department is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment to all. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The Extension Specialist works with researchers within the University of Tennessee and external agencies to disseminate up-to-date, science-based information consistent with the mission of UT Extension. Programs include various aspects of forest and wildlife management to help landowners reach forest management objectives, such as forest regeneration, forest stand improvement, use of prescribed fire, habitat management for wildlife, marketing forest products, and understanding forest ecosystems and invasive species control. The Specialist collaborates and works with county, region, and state Extension staff, as well as state and federal agencies, nongovernment organizations, and natural resource professionals and landowners to effectively deliver and evaluate programs. This position requires frequent travel throughout Tennessee and occasional travel in the southeastern United States, including evenings and weekends.

The Extension Specialist provides in-service training in forest and wildlife management for UT Extension agents; secures outside funding to help with program delivery; provides leadership to 4-H youth program development and implementation, including conducting statewide 4-H forestry and wildlife judging contests, assisting regions with regional 4-H forestry and wildlife judging contests, and assisting in developing 4-H program literature and evaluating 4-H project portfolios; engages in scholarly activities related to Extension programs, including publishing information in printed Extension outlets, lay outlets, and social media outlets; maintains positive working relationships with cooperating agencies, such as the Tennessee Division of Forestry and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; provides in-service training workshops and presentations to facilitate up-to-date, science-based

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information exchange among those and other organizations; participates in the programs of the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, including faculty meetings and serving on various committees. Program delivery is achieved through a variety of mechanisms, including printed publications, workshops, short courses, seminars, webinars, field days, demonstration sites, social media, and podcasts.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

B.S. degree and an M.S. degree in forest or wildlife science, forest or wildlife ecology, forest or wildlife biology, forest or wildlife management, or a closely related applied field of study from an SAF-accredited program, completed prior to the position start date; education and/or applied work experience within the eastern deciduous forest biome; strong oral and written communication skills necessary to deliver educational programs across Tennessee and the region; a working knowledge of computers and computer software programs, including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe and ZOOM; and maintain a valid driver's license.

Physical Demands: The ability to stand for long periods of time; walk in outdoor conditions, including forested terrain with steep topography; communicate orally for 2 or more hours; operate equipment such as audio/visual equipment, chainsaws, drip torches, and backpack sprayers; set up tables, chairs, and displays.

Preferred:

Demonstrated experience planning and implementing forest and wildlife management programs with private forest landowners, state forestry and wildlife agencies, or other forestry or wildlife practitioners; experience working with 4-H or other youth programs related to natural resources; certification as a natural resource professional by the Society of American Foresters, The Wildlife Society, or a state registration board; demonstrated knowledge of the land-grant mission and the role of Extension; expertise in the use of various media tools to implement programs and disseminate science-based information.

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TO APPLY:

Please apply online by clicking this link: [External Applicants](#) [Internal Applicants](#)

Submit a complete application packet which includes a 1) letter of interest, 2) a resume or curriculum vitae, 3) official or unofficial transcripts showing degree(s) conferred and proof of any professional certifications and registrations, 4) a one-page statement of Extension philosophy, and 5) names and full contact information of three professional references.

Questions regarding this position may be directed to Search Committee Chair, Craig Harper, at charper@utk.edu.

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