



# SAVANNA INSTITUTE

*Laying the groundwork for widespread agroforestry in the Midwest*

## Job Opening: Water Quality Program Manager

The Savanna Institute invites applications for a Water Quality Program Manager. We seek applicants who share our passion for ecological and equitable agriculture as a nature-based climate solutions 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 women, people of color, LGBTQIA+ individuals, people with disabilities, members of ethnic minorities, foreign-born residents, and veterans to apply.

### Posted

January 14, 2022

### 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. There are a number of projects and programs which focus on agroforestry's current and future role in relation to water quality.

### How To Apply

Submit a resume/CV and cover letter to [jobs@savannainstitute.org](mailto:jobs@savannainstitute.org)

### Deadline

All applications must be received by **11:59pm CDT on February 4th, 2022**

**Questions?** Email Brandi Brandes, Administrative Director, [brandi@savannainstitute.org](mailto:brandi@savannainstitute.org).

### Diversity Commitment

The Savanna Institute affirms the value of staff and stakeholder diversity, 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.



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## **Position Opening – Water Quality Program Manager**

This position will coordinate the planning and implementation of programs and projects relating to agroforestry for improving water quality. This position will work closely with the Agroforestry Adoption Team, The Education and Communications Teams, the Director of Agroforestry Adoption, and other Institute staff.

Key activities of this position include:

1. Coordinate implementation of a large grant-funded project focused on scaling up AF for water quality in the Great Lakes region. Project goals includes:
  - a. Working with SI Adoption Team to establish a cluster of farmers adopting agroforestry and perennial cropping systems to capture carbon, mitigate run-off issues and improve water quality.
  - b. Coordinating with the Research Team in the design and planning of water quality associated research projects within the network of demonstration and partner farms, including management trials, water quality measurements and forest riparian buffer strategies and implementation.
2. Manage partnerships through the GLPF project and other networks, working to advance the direct goals of the project as well as identify and cultivate strategic partnerships to advance the mission of SI.
  - a. Partners for this project include a range of federal agencies, regional nonprofits, local conservation groups, and businesses
  - b. Manage the development of dynamic or technical tools for agroforestry adoption
  - c. Some partnerships will be more relationship-based
3. Work closely with the Education and Communications Teams to steward the development of educational tools to further the connections between agroforestry, perennial cropping, and water quality and implementation on the ground.
  - a. Work with event coordinator to plan events to meet project goals
  - b. Coordinate with Comms Manager for regular partner communication and for major outreach campaign in Y3
4. Grant reporting, grant budget management, and regular partner meetings
5. Manage activities with other Adoption Team staff working on projects that have a water quality component, developing strategy and tactics to achieve longer term Savanna Institute goals through multiple regions and projects.

### **Job Description**

**Hours:** Full-time

**Location:** Flexible

**Start Date:** Early 2022

**Wage:** \$52,000 to \$58,000 annually



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- This position will report to the Director of Agroforestry Adoption.
- This position is eligible for the Institute's benefits package. Details available on request.

## Required Qualifications

- Water, environmental science or agroforestry related advanced education
- Experience in managing partnerships
- Knowledge of agroforestry and perennial crops
- Water quality related field experience
- Experience managing projects
- Commitment to participating in an open and collaborative environment
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to travel
- Ability lift 50 pounds