

Job Opening: Wisconsin Agroforestry Educator

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

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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. For more information, please visit savannainstitute.org.

How To Apply

Submit a resume/CV and cover letter to jobs@savannainstitute.org

Deadline All applications must be received by **11:59 pm CT on May 28th, 2023**.

Questions?

Email Kathleen Fitzgibbon, Operations Manager, kathleen@savannainstitute.org.

Diversity Commitment

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



Position Opening – Wisconsin Agroforestry Educator

The Wisconsin-based Agroforestry Educator will work with diverse communities to make agroforestry possible in Wisconsin by building and providing educational and technical resources to farmers and landowners. The Agroforestry Educator also builds educational programming and conducts outreach for the Wisconsin Demonstration Farms for diverse audiences including partners, Agroforestry Technical Service Provider (TSP) clients, and the general public. This position is designed to be dynamic, adaptable, and community informed.

The Wisconsin Agroforestry Educator is a vital and valued member of the Demonstration and Education Team, whose work focuses on accessible agroforestry education, training, and land access. This position also works closely with the Agroforestry Adoption Team, including the Technical Service Provider Program, which provides one-on-one support to farmers and landholders seeking to plan, design, and establish agroforestry on their farmlands.

Job Description

Hours: full time, permanent

Location: Madison, WI

Start Date: Mid- to late June 2023

Salary: \$53,000 to \$55,000; with SI benefits

- This position is eligible for the Institute's benefits package. Benefits for full-time employees include 30 days paid time off per year, a health reimbursement arrangement that can be applied to insurance premiums and approved healthcare costs, and a monthly home office stipend.
- This position reports to the Director of Demonstration and Education

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Serve as a subject matter expert and "cultural translator," helping farmers, landowners, and the public understand and become excited about the role agroforestry can play to strengthen their landscapes, economies, and communities
- Support of farmer/landowner engagement programs through the Silverwood Demonstration Farm, the Spring Green Campus, and other Savanna Institute programs
- Represent Savanna Institute as an educator at on-farm and off-farm events
- Develop educational and technical materials for the Savanna Institute
- Collaboratively determine resource materials needed to help farmers, landowners and conservation professionals make choices and determine best practices of agroforestry adoption
- Write and develop said materials, based on existing internal and external resources, in collaboration with other Adoption and Education Team members, in order to further the mission and vision of Savanna Institute

Additional duties include:

- Supporting collaborative work within the Demonstration and Education Team, including but not limited to, SI's Agroforestry Apprenticeship Program, on-line education, train-the-trainer materials, land access, and SI's Partner Farm Network
- Assisting with grant writing and other fund development to support the work of the Agroforestry Adoption Team. Work in coordination with other staff on developing charitable-, sponsor-, and revenue-based financial support for these programs



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Qualifications

- Public speaking experience
- Strong interpersonal and writing skills
- Background in agriculture (varied experience welcomed: academic, farmwork, fieldwork, nursery, etc.)
- Willingness to work in a highly collaborative work environment
- Proficiency with the Google Suite
- Access to personal phone/computer
- Experience with perennial cropping systems, forestry, or agroforestry preferred, but not required

If you're excited about this job, we're excited to learn about your experience! Please be sure to address each of the following qualifications in your cover letter — paint us a picture of how your unique skills, experiences, and/or education meet or exceed the qualifications. Cover letters should be no longer than 1 typed page.