



**About This Role:** The Kansas Forest Service is looking for a full-time position as a Tech Team Lead. This position is responsible for providing leadership, direction, technical expertise, and coordination to the four agricultural technicians that comprise the Tech Team. Essential roles of the Tech Team Lead are to coordinate with program coordinators and district foresters to organize and complete forestry projects across the state for the Rural Forestry, Community Forestry, Forest Health and Fire Programs. Examples of work the Tech Team completes are community forestry inventory, stand inventory, prescription marking, timber stand improvements, prescribed fire, fire suppression, seed collection, and nursery functions.

The position will be based out of Manhattan, KS. Approximately 50% of the time will be spent in the field working on projects with the Tech Team. Travel is routine with frequent necessary overnight travel. Work may need to be done in inclement weather on occasion.

**Why Join Us:** The Kansas Forest Service is the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Learn more at our website: [www.kansasforests.org](http://www.kansasforests.org)

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](#).

**Worksite Options:** This position is eligible for **hybrid** worksite. Work is performed partially remote and partially on employer premises or designated assignment location. This role is expected to work at least two days a week in the field leading the Tech Team through projects across the State. This role will also be working out of the State Office in Manhattan, KS in order to attend meetings and work alongside project coordinators and other staff to organize projects. There is opportunity to work remotely one day a week if scheduling and supervisor allows.

Visit this [link](#) for K-State's guidance and policies on remote work and flexible work arrangements. Remote work agreements are required for all flexible work arrangements and are subject to review.

**What You'll Need to Succeed:**

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree
- Two years of experience in forestry, horticulture, landscape ecology, or landscape architecture. Education such as a Master's degree can be substituted for required experience as determined relevant by the hiring manager.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in forestry, natural resources, horticulture, or a closely related field.
- Five years of experience in project management, forestry, horticulture, landscape ecology, or landscape architecture.
- Certified Arborist through KAA or ISA.
- Experience utilizing GIS and Microsoft Office suite programs.

**Other Requirements:**

- Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment.
- Valid Driver's License

**How to Apply:**

Please submit the following documents:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Professional references

**Screening of Applications Begins:**

Screening begins immediately and continues until position is filled. For best consideration, apply by September 16, 2024

**Anticipated Hiring Pay Range:**

\$42,300 - \$65,400

**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.