

[LTE Forestry Research Scientist \(Milwaukee\)](#)

Job ID
20507

Location
Milwaukee

Agency
Natural Resources

Full/Part Time

Regular/Temporary
Temporary

Classification Code
56062

Classification Title
Nat Res Research Scientist-Sen

Introduction



We are dedicated to working with Wisconsinites while preserving and enhancing the natural resources of Wisconsin. In partnership with individuals and organizations; DNR staff manage fish, wildlife, forests, parks, air and water resources while promoting a healthy, sustainable environment and a full range of outdoor opportunities.

The [Wisconsin DNR](#) is hiring an [LTE \(Limited Term Employee\) Forestry Research Scientist](#) at our offices, in Milwaukee, WI.

This recruitment may be used to fill future similar vacancies.

To see all opportunities currently available at DNR, follow this link: [DNR \(wisc.jobs\)](#).

Position Summary

This position will manage, analyze, and create visualizations for spatial and tabular datasets for a variety of forestry research projects within the Division of Forestry, Forest Ecology and

Economics section. Current projects are diverse and collaborative, focusing on research and application of science to forest ecology in both urban and rural settings. Duties include designing and managing spatial and tabular data, assisting with statistical analysis on a wide variety of projects, writing reports, and creating internal and external data visualizations summarizing data for ongoing projects. The successful applicant should have experience with GIS software (e.g. ArcMap or QGIS), understand relational database design, have experience conducting statistical analysis in R or related open-source analytical software, and possess a working knowledge of data visualization techniques. An exceptional candidate would have experience with data visualization platforms such as Tableau or Shiny as well as an education focused on environmental, geographical, or natural sciences. Occasional fieldwork experiences may be available so the applicant should also be in good physical condition, able to handle daily hiking with gear in a variety of conditions.

60% - Spatial and tabular data analysis and management

- Building and managing project-specific datasets
- Writing and executing queries
- Statistical analysis

35% - Data visualization and report writing

- Creating literature reviews
- Creating summary reports of ongoing and completed projects
- Assisting in preparing peer reviewed scientific manuscripts

5% - Fieldwork

- Following detailed protocols and data collection in the field
- Equipment maintenance

Salary Information

This position pays between \$25.00 - \$27.68 per hour and is in the Natural Resources Research Scientist Senior classification in pay

schedule and range 15-03. Compensation will be set in accordance with the State Compensation Plan.

Job Details

This is a Limited Term Employment (LTE) position and will not automatically lead to permanent state employment or be entitled to the same benefits as permanent employees.

More about LTE positions:

- 1) Offer a great opportunity to gain experience and learn about careers at the WI Department of Natural Resources.
- 2) Provide opportunities for individuals to enhance their resumes with skills learned on the job.
- 3) May accommodate flexibility for part-time or full-time work hours and seasonal schedules. Work schedules are dependent on business needs.
- 4) Allow individuals to hold multiple LTE appointments concurrently. If both LTE positions are at the same agency, the positions must be bona fide different positions. Each individual LTE position allows for maximum of 1039 hours in a twelve-month period.

Special Requirements:

- 1) Residency: To be considered for this position, you must be a resident of the State of Wisconsin.

A Wisconsin resident is a person who:

- a. Has established a residence, as defined in s. 6.10(1), in this state not less than 10 days earlier;
- b. Has resided in this state for not less than a total of one year out of the immediately preceding 5 years;
- c. Is eligible to register to vote in this state; or
- d. Is the spouse of a person meeting the requirements of par. (a), (b), or (c).” s.230.03(12), Wis. Stats.

- 2) Background Checks: The Department of Natural Resources conducts criminal background checks on final applicants prior to a job offer. Please note that a criminal charge or conviction on your record will not necessarily disqualify you from state employment.

In compliance with the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act, the DNR does not discriminate on the basis of arrest or conviction record.

3) Eligible to work in U.S.: Applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States at the time of hire. The Department of Natural Resources does not sponsor work visas at the time of hire or anytime during employment. All persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and complete the required Employment Eligibility I-9 form upon hire.

Equal Opportunity Employer: The DNR is an equal opportunity employer that promotes and values diversity. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, veteran status, or disability.

Qualifications

In addition to the required qualifications below, the selected candidate must be eligible to drive a state vehicle and meet the following criteria:

- Have a valid driver's license
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a minimum of two years license driving experience
- Have not had three (3) or more moving violations and/or at-fault accidents in the past two (2) years.
- Have no OWI/DUI violations within the past year

Required Qualifications:

- The ability to complete high quality work and adhere to a timeline with little supervision
- Detail oriented and enthusiasm for learning
- Experience using GIS and geographical data
- Proficiency with manipulating large datasets and statistical software programs
- Proficiency in R (or similar)
- Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint

Preferred Qualifications:

- Proficiency with data visualization platforms (Tableau, Shiny, or other).
- Educational background in environmental, geographical, or natural sciences.

How To Apply

Click the “Apply for Job” button and follow the directions. You will be able to save your application as many times as needed and make edits up until the point you submit your application. **Once you submit your application, you will not be able to make any updates to the application or any materials submitted.**

Please note that the Wiscjobs system will time you out after 30 minutes of activity, so be sure to save your work often to avoid having to re-start the application process.

For any position-related questions, please feel free to contact Kori.Schroeder@wisconsin.gov.

For technical questions and troubleshooting related to the Wisc.Jobs site, please visit [Commonly Asked Questions](#). Keep in mind that technical assistance is only available Monday through Friday 7:45 am – 4:30 pm.

Your resume and letter of qualifications are very important parts of your application and are used during our evaluation process to determine your qualifications as they relate to the job. For instructions on developing your resume and letter of qualifications and what should be included in these materials, click [here](#).

Deadline to Apply

Applications must be received by 11:59pm, Central Time, on April 13th, 2026 in order to be considered.