

USDA Forest Service – Northern Research Station

Biological Science Technician GS-05

Salary: 18.96/hour

We are announcing a job opportunity for Summer 2025 with the USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station (NRS) starting mid-May and continuing through mid-August, 2025. The position will be based in Kane, Pennsylvania. In this position, employees will be collecting pre-treatment data on a new experiment that the NRS is conducting in partnership with the University of Kentucky and the Pennsylvania DCNR Bureau of Forestry. The experiment examines species richness, growth, and abundance of tree seedlings in response to fertilization and fungicide applications as silvicultural tools to promote tree diversity in forest ecosystems.

Specific duties to this job and expertise required will include locating study areas, establishing study plots, setting up equipment for field studies, plant identification/botany, measuring vegetation (e.g., abundance, growth, mortality) and site (e.g., soil) data, collecting vegetation specimens, and entering and summarizing data.

Housing is available at a modest cost at the [Kane Experimental Forest](#) and the work crew will be provided with vehicles to get to and from field sites.

Application materials are due by 11:59 pm December 6, 2025. Interested applicants must apply via USAJobs. The direct link to the announcement is: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/819808900>. When applying please specify the **Kane, PA** location. For your application, you may use a resume or any other written format you choose. Regardless of the format used, your application must contain sufficient information to validate qualifications and specialized experience required for this position. The specialized experience can be found in the “Qualifications” section of the vacancy announcement. All supporting documentation (including transcripts if using education as an element of basic qualification) must be uploaded as part of the application packet – please read Required documents section in the job announcement closely.