



# Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment

<http://HEEForestStudy.org>

*A long-term, large-scale experimental study of forest management and its impacts on plants and animals*

Job Title: Field Technician - Understory Crew Member (2 positions)  
Agency: Purdue University – Dept. of Forestry & Natural Resources  
Closing Date: Feb. 28, 2017 or until filled  
Start Date: Approximately May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
End Date: Flexible, but approximately August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Compensation: \$12.00-14.00/hour and housing\*

Understory Crew Members will help carry out research on the effects of silvicultural treatments on the ecology of managed forests as part of the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment (HEE) near Bloomington, IN. The primary duty for these positions will be to conduct understory surveys including measurement and identification of herbaceous plants and woody seedlings. Sampling of forest insects and moths may also be required at certain times throughout the field season.

## **Qualifications:**

### Required

- Bachelor's degree in botany, forestry, or related natural resources field
- Strong plant identification skills
- Valid driver's license with a good driving record
- Willingness to work in extreme conditions, including traversing rugged terrain through dense, thorny shrubs and working in high temperatures and high humidity

### Preferred

- Experience with plant identification in the Midwest
- Experience with hand-held GPS units, maps and compass

Each work week will generally consist of four 10-hour days in summer months. Work will not exceed 40 hours in a week. Recent B.S. graduates are encouraged to apply; *start and end dates are somewhat flexible depending on school schedules*. Please contact Charlotte Owings ([freemac@purdue.edu](mailto:freemac@purdue.edu)) for specific questions.

To apply, please complete the application, available for download at <https://heeforeststudy.org/jobs/>. Send this application along with a brief letter of interest by email or mail to:

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The successful applicant(s) will be subjected to a comprehensive background check managed by Purdue University's Human Resources department. The final hire is contingent upon clearance of this background check.

\*Bunkhouse housing is provided at HEE. Basic utilities are included. Residents will be required to pay a \$300 refundable security deposit prior to beginning work in addition to a \$20 non-refundable cleaning fee. Residents will also be required to keep both facilities clean.

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