



# 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 - Overstory Crew Member (3-4 positions)  
Agency: Purdue University – Dept. of Forestry & Natural Resources  
Closing Date: Aug. 27 or until filled  
Start Date: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 or earlier  
End Date: Flexible, but approximately December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Compensation: \$13.00-15.00/hour (depending on experience) and housing\*

Overstory 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 overstory tree surveys including measurement and identification of trees, saplings, and seedlings as well as shrubs. Overstory crew members may also be asked to assist with our mast and prescribed fire projects at certain times throughout the field season.

## **Qualifications:**

### Required

- Field or classroom experience conducting forest inventories
- Strong tree and shrub 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

### Preferred

- Experience with tree and shrub identification in the Midwest
- Experience with hand-held GPS units, maps, and compasses

Each work week will generally consist of five 8-hour days. Work will not exceed 40 hours in a week. *Start and end dates are somewhat flexible depending on individual's schedules.* Please contact Charlotte Owings ([freemac@purdue.edu](mailto:freemac@purdue.edu)) for specific questions.

**To apply, send your resume, cover letter, and a list of references 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 facilities clean.

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