

FORESTRY

CAREERS

The median annual wage for foresters was **\$70,660** in May 2024.

100% of Mississippi State students with a forestry degree **have a job after graduation.**



FOREST MANAGEMENT

LAND FORESTER

Description: Manages forest land to comply with production regulations and protect the forest.

Examples of Employers:

USDA Forest Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

PRIVATE CONSULTING FORESTER

Description: Helps plan and implement management of non-industrial, privately owned forests.

Examples of Employers: Develop your own company or work for a consulting company.

PROCUREMENT FORESTER

Description: Manages the process of finding and buying timber for a company.

Examples of Employers: Georgia Pacific, International Paper, Weyerhaeuser

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

CONSERVATION FORESTER

Description: Manages forests with a focus on preserving the natural environment.

Examples of Employers: National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy

GRADUATE STUDENT

Description: Earn a master of science in forestry to further specialize in an area of interest.

Note: Many universities will provide a stipend and tuition waiver for graduate students who work on a thesis.

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER

Description: Responds to and suppresses wildland fires; carries out prescribed burns.

Examples of Employers: state and federal agencies



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FORESTRY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

LAND AND FARM MANAGER

Description: Manages farm operations, habitat, safety, hunting, and guest experiences.

Examples of Employers: Concordia Rod and Gun Club, Tall Timbers

PRIVATE CONSULTING FORESTER

Description: Helps landowners manage habitat to promote wildlife populations.

Examples of Employers: Develop your own company or work for a consulting company.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA BIOLOGIST

Description: Manages and maintains forest land for wildlife habitat, species biodiversity, etc.

Examples of Employers: state agencies, US Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service

FOREST BUSINESS

FOREST FINANCIAL ANALYST

Description: Conducts financial analysis to evaluate and support timber management decisions.

Examples of Employers: Manulife, Resource Management Service, USDA Forest Service

MBA STUDENT

Description: Earn a master's in business administration before starting a personal business, becoming an industry analyst, etc.

Note: Most universities require 30 hours of coursework, which can typically be completed in under two years.

LAND AND FARMS REALTOR

Description: Sells land and navigates complex transactions with easements, regulations, etc.

Examples of Employers: Mossy Oak Properties, Walley Properties, Whitetail Properties

URBAN FORESTRY

CERTIFIED ARBORIST

Description: Plants, cares for, treats, and removes trees while adhering to safety standards.

Examples of Employers: Bartlett Tree Experts, Fulgham's Inc.

URBAN FORESTER

Description: Plans for and maintains trees to improve the urban environment and quality of life.

Examples of Employers: cities and metropolitan areas, state forestry commissions

UTILITY FORESTER

Description: Safely inspects and manages hazardous trees located near utility lines.

Examples of Employers: The Davey Tree Expert Company, Mississippi Power

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