

Saunders' Lab
FOREST TECHNICIAN
for Spring and Summer 2026

I am seeking one or two forest technicians to assist graduate student projects, plant new experiments, and collect inventory data associated with efforts of the Institute for Digital Forestry. Individuals will be trained on use of backpack lidar equipment and other digital technologies. Inventory work is concentrated on the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment sites near Bloomington, IN, but includes other sites in southern Indiana as well. Travel per diem will be provided for overnight stays. Employee(s) will be based out of West Lafayette.

Dates: ASAP – August 31

Hours: 40 hours/week, with optional flex time. Position is capped at 1000 hours total.

Qualifications: Strong tree and shrub identification skills is required; experience in forest inventory and design is highly desirable. Ability to work in adverse conditions typical of Indiana (i.e., heat, humidity and bugs) is fundamental to this position.

Pay: \$18 – 22/hour, depending on qualifications. Transportation to field sites is provided, and overnight accommodations will be paid for or provided.

To apply: Send e-mail to msaunder@purdue.edu expressing interest. I would appreciate a resume that includes a description of relevant experience and the names and phone numbers of two references as well.

