

USDA Forest Service Resource Assistant Program

- Position. Climate Hub Assistant
- **Duration.** 8 Month Fellowship (32 weeks): Starting June 2023 February 2024 (dates are dependent upon the start date)
- Location. Remote (conterminous US) or Washington, DC or Lincoln, NE. National Agroforestry Center, 1945 North 38th Street, UNL-East Campus, Lincoln, NE 68583

Reports To. The Climate Hub Assistant will report to the Director of the National Agroforestry Center.

Job Overview

The RA will support work of the National Agroforestry Center (a collaborative partnership between Forest Service Research and Development; State, Private and Tribal Forestry; and the Natural Resources Conservation Service) a unit dedicated to research, education, and outreach to enhance the intentional integration of tree or shrub species into agricultural production systems for environmental, economic, and social benefits. The RA will support development of user-friendly science-based information on agroforestry and its value as a climate-smart practice. The incumbent will also serve as a liaison with the USDA Climate Hubs and Forest Service Regional Climate Coordinators to better understand and meet information needs to support implementation of agroforestry. This position is part of a cohort of 20 climate change-focused internships that will receive specialized training and opportunities to engage with other members of the cohort.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Write, edit, and review science synthesis, education, and outreach materials on agroforestry, and its climate mitigation and adaptation services.
- Connect Forest Service Regions and Climate Hubs to relevant agroforestry resources, research, and partnerships and identify information needs.
- Attend Climate Hub meetings and brief Center staff on relevant collaborations.
- Occasional travel.



Qualifications

- Strong writing skills.
- Demonstrated experience in working as a part of a team to achieve shared goals and objectives.
- College graduate or student completing a degree by February 2023 in science/natural resources and familiarity with agroforestry or agroecology, and climate change.
- Master's Degree preferred.

Minimum Requirements

- Completion of 2 years at an accredited university, an Associate's degree, or higher
- US citizenship or permanent residency. RAs must undergo a government background check if selected.
- Participation in US Forest Service Orientation Training scheduled for June 2023