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Job Opening: IL Agroforestry Educator

The Savanna Institute invites applications for an Agroforestry Educator to lead on-farm and community-informed education in the state of Illinois. We seek applicants who share our passion for ecological and equitable agriculture as a nature-based climate solution and who are motivated to widen the circle of who has the opportunity to inform, support, and benefit from its development. To that end, we are seeking a diversity of voices at the table and strongly encourage people of color, women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, people with disabilities, members of ethnic minorities, foreign-born residents, and veterans to apply.

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Organization Description

The Savanna Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Madison, Wisconsin and Urbana, Illinois. Established in 2013, we work in collaboration with farmers, scientists, and other stakeholders to develop perennial food and fodder crops within multifunctional systems grounded in ecology and inspired by the savanna biome. Our work aims to lay the groundwork for widespread agroforestry in the Midwest US via strategic research and education. For more information, please visit [savannainstitute.org](https://www.savannainstitute.org).

How To Apply Submit a resume/CV and cover letter to jobs@savannainstitute.org

Deadline All applications must be received by **11:59 pm CT on April 16th, 2023**.

Questions? Email Kathleen Fitzgibbon, Operations Manager, kathleen@savannainstitute.org.

Diversity Commitment





The Savanna Institute affirms the value of diversity of staff and stakeholders, and aims to foster inclusive environments and equitable outcomes of our work. We seek individuals who are committed to these goals.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Equal Opportunity is and shall be provided for all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without unlawful discrimination on the basis of their race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable state or federal law.









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The Illinois-based Agroforestry Educator will work with diverse communities to make agroforestry possible in Illinois by building and providing educational and technical resources to farmers and landholders. The Agroforestry Educator also builds educational programming and conducts outreach for the Illinois Demonstration Farms for diverse audiences including farmers, landholders, organizational and agency partners, and the general public. This position is designed to be dynamic, adaptable, and community-informed.

Job Description

Salary: \$53,000 to \$55,000

- If you're excited about this job, we're excited to learn about your experience! Please be sure to address each of the following qualifications in your cover letter — paint us a picture of how your unique skills, experiences, and/or education meet or exceed the qualifications. Cover letters should be no longer than 1 typed page.

- Serve as a subject matter expert and “cultural translator”, helping farmers, landholders, and the public understand the role agroforestry can play to strengthen their landscapes, economies, and communities
- Lead engaging and fun on-farm and off-farm educational events through the Demo Farm Network and other Savanna Institute programs
- Develop agroforestry-focused educational and technical outreach materials and resources for a diverse set of needs and audiences

- Support collaborative work within the Demonstration and Education Teams, including but not limited to: SI's Agroforestry Apprenticeship Program, online education, train-the-trainer materials, land access, and SI's Partner Farm Network
- Assist with grant writing and other fund development to support the work of the Agroforestry Adoption Team. Work in coordination with other staff on developing charitable-, sponsor-, and revenue-based financial support for these programs.



Required Qualifications

- Public speaking experience
- Strong interpersonal and writing skills
- Willingness to work in a highly collaborative work environment
- Strong sense of curiosity, commitment to learning new things, and openness to new ideas
- Strong commitment to working with diverse peoples in the spirit of mutual support and benefit
- Background in agriculture (varied experience welcomed: academic, fieldwork, programmatic, educational, etc.)
- Familiarity with Google Suite applications
- Access to personal phone/computer

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience with perennial cropping systems, forestry, and/or agroforestry
- Experience leading educational events
- JEDI (justice, equity, diversity, & inclusivity) training and experience

Physical Requirements

- Ability to
 - walk on uneven ground at least one mile
 - stand for 2-4 hours at a time
 - lift 25 lbs
 - speak loudly and clearly in outdoor settings