



Agroforestry Adviser – Policy & Advice Team

Location

National. The post holder can work from any Forest Services Office including, but not limited to, Bristol, York, London, and Penrith. The post holder will be expected to travel within the UK to fulfil the job role with some overnight stays.

About the job

Summary

The Forestry Commission are the government's forestry experts and we work to protect, improve and expand England's woods and forests. This is done by providing policy advice to government and leading delivery through regulation, incentives and protecting tree health. Developing the FC's agroforestry policy is a key priority as we look to influence land management and usage across England. Through agroforestry, we will be able deliver on the Government's tree planting ambitions, the 25 Year Environment Plan, Net Zero and the England Tree Action Plan.

The Agroforestry Adviser role, as part of the Forestry Commission's Policy and Advice Team, will be responsible for developing FC's input to agroforestry policy. They will also play a key role in determining appropriate delivery mechanisms and ensuring that future agri-environment scheme design maximises positive environmental outcomes. This will involve working closely with Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Rural Payments

Agency (RPA), Natural England, Environment Agency and Historic England.

Job description

As the Forestry Commission's Agroforestry Adviser you will proactively lead and provide national expertise on agroforestry, including silvopastoral and silvoarable systems. You will work closely with the wider Policy and Advice Team, as well as external stakeholders and wider DEFRA group, to procure and interpret evidence to provide expert advice across the Forestry Commission on agroforestry policy development and implementation, regulation, and environmental benefits.

Key work Areas

- Secure and, as appropriate, procure the evidence of landowner aspirations and economic/natural capital benefits that accrue from agroforestry systems.
- Provide robust, timely, evidence-based advice to support the Forestry Commission's Future Farming Engagement Team and Area Teams in developing and delivering agroforestry policy to ensure positive environmental outcomes.
- Work closely with DEFRA Forestry Policy and DEFRA Future Farming Teams to embed agroforestry within future agri-environment scheme design.
- Represent the Forestry Commission on agroforestry specialist groups.
- Provide training to staff across the Forestry Commission to build delivery capacity for agroforestry within future agri-environment schemes, including developing internal networks to exchange information and ideas.
- Provide support and advice to other Forestry Commission specialist advisers on agroforestry and its potential interaction or overlap with their policy areas.
- Prepare reports, including evidence reviews and policy position statements.
- Liaise with key external stakeholders, including researchers, learned societies, NGOs and other statutory agencies to develop and share evidence and guidance on agroforestry.
- Contribute to commissions from across the Forestry Commission,

ensuring that agroforestry is fully considered, and evidence is quality assured.

Responsibilities

Person Specification

Essential

- Knowledge of and experience in agroforestry, from either a research or implementation perspective.

Desirable

- BSc degree or significant relevant experience working in forestry, agriculture or land management
- Knowledge of and experience in literature searches, writing evidence reviews, and interpreting and summarising scientific literature and technical reports.
- Experience of managing or advising on the management of woodlands
- Experience of developing or managing incentives schemes to deliver results

Salary: £42,462 - £46,029

Closing date: apply before 11.55pm on Sunday 24th October 2021

Professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable.

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