



Position Announcement
Technical Assistance and Training Specialist
Applications Due: Jan. 31, 2020

The Longleaf Alliance (LLA) is seeking a highly skilled and motivated professional to advance longleaf ecosystem restoration. The *Technical Assistance and Training Specialist* plays a key role in representing The Alliance to our external audiences and delivering technical assistance and training in many forms to best support these key functions across the range of longleaf restoration. The efforts include, but are not limited to, training through The Alliance's signature *Longleaf Academies*, workshops, field days, and webinars, and through direct technical assistance to landowners and managers to provide the best information available to meet their needs and their objectives for longleaf restoration. The successful candidate will also have a major role in special projects where their skills can best contribute. All Alliance staff contribute to team success.

Overview of Duties: The *Technical Assistance and Training Specialist* is directly responsible for providing timely and science-based responses to requests for assistance through a variety of methods, including phone, email, question line or site visit. This professional also plays a key role in the support of landowner incentive programs, and in the delivery of the Longleaf Academy program, taking the lead where assigned on Academies, or providing high quality instruction in a supporting role. The Specialist will develop and lead workshops and field days as components of numerous grants; these may occur across the nine-state range as opportunities to collaborate arise. Training outreach is also accomplished through the production of brochures, flyers, webinars, and articles for publication in *The Longleaf Leader* or other publications. Presentation skill and leadership is also demonstrated through a variety of Alliance events, including the Biennial Longleaf Conferences. The successful candidate must be detail-oriented and exceptional with logistics, and demonstrate dedication, integrity, and commitment beyond question.

Qualifications: Applicants must have at a minimum, a Bachelor's degree in Forestry or a natural resource field, and at least four years of experience in the management and restoration of longleaf. An advanced degree in a compatible field is desired. The Specialist must have a passion for the longleaf ecosystem, an excellent personal and professional reputation and credibility in the Southeastern United States conservation community. A demonstrated ability to create effective relationships with staff, partners, landowners, donors, state and federal agencies, NGOs and other key constituencies is also needed. This position requires strong initiative, organizational, and interpersonal skills, as well as excellent written and oral communication skills. The ideal candidate would have working knowledge of and/or experience in: longleaf forest management and ecology, training and teaching of natural resource conservation, and the broader role of forestland management in the Southeastern United States, with preference for a registered/certified forester.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their application by email to: jobs@longleafalliance.org. Applications should include your resume, a cover letter, and at least three references. Questions can be directed to Ad Platt, Vice President for Operations, at ad@longleafalliance.org.

Expected priorities

50% Technical assistance

40% Training, including Academies, Workshops, Conferences

10% Projects as assigned to advance longleaf restoration

Overview of Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities Required

- Applicants must have at least 4 years of experience in a natural resources field, with significant experience in longleaf ecosystems.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated initiative and decision making.
- Proven ability to teach and reach diverse audiences in compelling fashion.
- Collaborate successfully with all longleaf partner organizations.
- Independently manage timely reporting to funding organizations.
- Detail oriented and exceptional logistical skills.
- Ability to independently lead complex training events, as well as work cooperatively as part of large teams.
- Proven ability to communicate with a range of stakeholders and supporters.
- Must be able to step into an active role upon hiring.
- Computer fluency, especially in the full MS Office suite. ArcGIS skills preferred.
- Impeccable integrity, judgment, commitment, and discretion.
- Bachelor's degree in Forestry or a natural resources field required, with advanced degree in a complimentary field preferred.
- Physical requirements of the tasks of this position can be strenuous, requiring lifting and carrying of items up to 70 lbs.; the position also requires outdoor work at times in weather conditions ranging from ideal to arduous.

Other Duties and Responsibilities

- Job may require some evening and weekend activities.
- Applicant must be willing and able to travel extensively across the longleaf range.

Compensation

LLA offers salary commensurate with experience, and overall compensation includes additional benefits, along with a mission worthy of your passion.

Location

This position will be based in the Southeastern U. S. as agreed upon by the candidate and The Alliance, to support the successful accomplishment of the role.