Social Science Analyst Job Opening at US Forest Service Research Office in Evanston, IL

The US Forest Service has an opening for a Social Science Analyst in the Evanston, Illinois research field office.

The Evanston office is part of a larger social science research unit “People and Their Environments.” Our unit is part of the Forest Service’s 20-state Northern Research Station. Our unit includes researchers (plus support staff) in New York City, Baltimore, St. Paul, and Burlington. More info about Forest Service research is available at these websites: US Forest Service Northern Research Station: www.nrs.fs.fed.us/ and People and Their Environments research unit: www.nrs.fs.fed.us/units/socialscience/.

Brief Job Description: The Social Science Analyst provides research support to a group of Research Social Scientists. In this job, you will focus on supporting the unit researchers as needed and communicating research and findings to the general public via plain language research summaries and content for the unit website. Research projects will focus loosely on the social side of environmental issues in the greater Chicago region. Research duties vary from project to project but include social science study design and planning; data collection, management & analysis; writing for both professional journals and non-professional venues, and literature reviews. The position also involves representing the US Forest Service at various Chicago-area environment-focused meetings and events, making presentations to professional and general audiences, and building relationships and working with research partners from state and local governments, academia, and environmental organizations. The Social Science Analyst will play a key role in the NW Indiana Urban Waters Pilot project.

Essential skills include background in social science research, exemplary ability to communicate in writing and in person, professional demeanor, attention to detail, ability to work independently on multiple projects, strong people skills, experience with making presentations, and ability to leap tall buildings in at most two bounds. Preferred skills include comfort with the technical aspects of computer and software use, fondness for government bureaucracy, and a robust sense of humor.

A Master’s degree in an environmental- or social science-related field is required. U.S. citizenship is also required.

Compensation: This permanent position is classified at the federal government GS-09/11 level with a starting salary of just over $50,000/year. Federal government employment offers a range of generous benefit options.

How do I apply? This is an early alert. The job will be posted in the coming weeks at www.usajobs.gov. If you are interested in the job, please send a note to Vassia Heneghan (vheneghan@fs.fed.us). Vassia will send you an email with the link to the job when it is posted on usajobs.gov.

Everyone is encouraged to apply!

The US Forest Service is an equal opportunity employer.