



# STEM Careers

## Forester

**Job Description:** Foresters manage the overall land quality of forests, parks, rangelands, and other natural resources.

### What does a Forester do?

- Oversee forestry and conservation activities to ensure compliance with government regulations and habitat protection
- Negotiate terms and conditions for forest harvesting and for land-use contracts
- Establish plans for managing forest lands and resources
- Monitor the regeneration of forests
- Direct and participate in forest fire suppression
- Determine ways to remove timber with minimum environmental damage
- Supervise activities of forest and conservation workers and technicians

### Your Interests:

- Are you interested in working in a forested environment?
- Do you want to support fire suppression in national parks and forested areas?
- Are you interested in preventing environmental damage?

### Outlook:

Average Salary - \$30.78 hourly, \$64,010 annual  
Projected Job Growth - 7.0% growth by 2030.

### Education/Program of Study:

Entry level positions require at least a bachelor's degree  
Possible degrees paths are agriculture, rangeland management, and natural resources.

Sources:

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