



Crew Leader (1) and Field Assistants (4)

Assist with field data collection for HSU Wildland Fire Lab research on post-fire mortality in redwood forests

We are looking for a motivated and curious crew leader and four field assistants to assist the HSU Wildland Fire Lab on a research project investigating factors associated with high severity fire in second-growth redwood forests following the 2020 wildfires in the broader Bay Area of California. Field research will entail navigating to plots, establishing research plots, taking standard tree and post-fire measurements, and other tasks. Assistants should be able to hike short to moderate distances to research plots, tolerate hot/dry weather conditions, and be willing to tent camp for 4 days at a time. Must have a valid drivers license and complete defensive driver training. Rental cars will be available for work-related travel. Housing will be provided or heavily subsidized. We will provide training for specific data collection methods, though experience taking standard forest, fuels, and understory vegetation measurements is preferred.

Salary and Duration

\$14-\$16 per hour (depending on experience, position) for ~12 weeks (mid-May- mid-August), possibility for extending work into the fall.

Location: broader Bay Area, CA

Qualifications

Strong candidates for the position will have:

- Current student or recent graduate
- Grade point average of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale
- Previous coursework in Forestry, Fire Management, Ecology, Botany or a related field
- Ability to navigate using maps and GPS
- Prior experience coordinating field work and supervising crew members (preferred for crew leader only)
- Research interest and field experience in forestry, ecology, or related field
- Positive attitude and ability to work well with others in remote field sites for extended periods, often during hot seasonal conditions

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, send (as a PDF or Word Document): 1) a resume (including GPA and complete contact information); 2) a brief letter of interest (clearly state relevant education, experience, and interest in the position); 3) unofficial transcripts, and 4) the names and contact information of three references to Jeff Kane (jkane@humboldt.edu). The position will be open until filled, but review of applications will begin around late March. Incomplete applications may not be considered.