

Research assistant/Field technician

The Unit for Field-based Forest Research

The Unit for Field-based Forest Research (www.slu.se/en/departments/field-based-forest-research) at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)/ Faculty of Forest Sciences, is hiring an experienced technician in the area of environmental field measurements. Working within a team of Research Engineers and Technicians at the Svartberget Field station, offers a great opportunity for those who enjoy working outdoors, and making a positive contribution to boreal ecosystem research

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Duties:

- The main tasks include the maintenance of the field research infrastructures measuring programs both on the ground and in instrumented towers.
- Daily duties include field maintenance, troubleshooting, calibration of field equipment, programming data loggers, multiplexers etc
- In addition, you will also be involved in the direct support of ongoing research projects.

Qualifications:

- Knowledge and experience of field work with meteorological sensors, gas analyzers and data loggers.
- Ability to adapt to flexible work schedules and to teamwork with a common goal.
- Ability to work on multiple assignments, set priorities, reprioritize when necessary, and take initiative in defining and executing tasks.
- Driver's license for cars, valid in Sweden.
- Fluent in written and spoken English and prepared to learn Swedish.
- Ability to perform work tasks in high towers (150m) in accordance with safety regulations. Training will be provided where necessary.

Qualifications considered a merit:

- Master degree, or comparable, in engineering, physics, or environmental science or related field experience.
- Experience with eddy covariance measurements/micrometeorological theory.
- Handling and repair of scientific equipment in laboratory or in the field.
- Experience in the development and fabrication of scientific equipment and supporting infrastructure.
- Familiarity with or experience in an academic research environment.
- Ability to program data loggers and process data with scripted language, like Matlab, R. or similar softwares.
- Experience of GIS data and related software, for example QGIS
- Certified drone pilot with experience in drone flying and image analysis
- Driver's license for snow mobiles and experience of snow mobile driving

Place of work:

The position is based at Svartberget field station, located about 70 km (one hour drive) from the SLU Forest Faculty in Umeå.

Form of employment:

Permanent employment. SLU uses probationary employment.

Extent:

100%

Starting date:

1 July or According to agreement.

Application:

We welcome your application no later than 2022-06-28, use the button below.

Academic union representatives:

<https://internt.slu.se/en/my-employment/employee-associations/kontaktpersoner-vid-rekrytering/>

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Research Engineer

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- Daily duties include field maintenance, troubleshooting, calibration of field equipment, programming data loggers, multiplexers etc., as well as handling of data (transfer, quality check and deliveries).
- In addition, you will also be involved in the direct support of ongoing research projects.

Required qualifications:

- Master degree, or comparable, in engineering, physics, or environmental science or related field or experience.
- Knowledge in environmental measurement sensors, meteorological sensors, gas analyzers, data loggers and associated programming languages.
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