

SCFC INTERNSHIPS

IN FOREST INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS (FIA)

The South Carolina Forestry Commission Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program is seeking to fill two full-time, temporary positions for the summer of 2025. Both positions will be located in Columbia, S.C.

What is FIA?

The Forestry Commission FIA program is a cooperative effort between the SCFC and the U.S. Forest Service – Southern Research Station. The SCFC collects FIA data on a network of plot locations across South Carolina. FIA is often referred to as our nation's forest census.

The FIA program collects, analyzes and reports on the status and trends of America's forests. In South Carolina, data is collected on tree diversity and abundance, carbon estimates, tree mortality from natural disasters, insects and disease, and removals from timber harvest practices. FIA data are used to track how the landscape is changing over time. This information can be used in evaluating wildlife habitat conditions, assessing the sustainability of ecosystem management practices and to support planning and decision-making activities by public and private enterprises. FIA data help natural resource managers assess how our forest will look 10 to 50 years from now.

Who should apply?

A junior or senior working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters. Applicants must have completed forestry summer camp and completed dendrology and mensuration course work. Must be able to lift, walk, squat, climb and carry objects up to 50 pounds. Applicants must have the ability to work outdoors in changing environmental conditions and the ability to effectively communicate verbally.



Compensation and housing

The SCFC FIA program works a five-day, 37.5-hour week. Compensation will be at a rate of \$18 per hour. Housing will be provided if needed.

How to apply

Interested individuals should submit a resume with references and an official college/university transcript to:

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