

**Urban Forestry Extension Specialist  
Utah State University  
Department of Wildland Resources (Quinney College of Natural Resources) and USU Extension**



### **Overview**

The Department of Wildland Resources (WILD) in the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources at Utah State University (USU) seeks applicants for a **Professional Practice Extension Assistant Professor in Urban Forestry**. The position will be based in the USU Extension Office in Kaysville, Utah, in Davis County, which is also the location of the USU Botanical Center and Utah's largest Arboretum. The anticipated (but negotiable) start date is July 1, 2023. The emphasis for the position is 90% Extension, 10% Service.

This is a non-tenure track, fiscal-year (12-month), 1.0 FTE position. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Key areas of expertise will include urban and wildland-urban interface forestry, arboriculture, disease and risk management, water-wise landscaping, greenspace management, and horticulture.

The incumbent will collaborate with other faculty in the Department of Wildland Resources, College of Natural Resources, and statewide Extension offices, and will be a source of information to other Extension personnel as well as to various public and private stakeholders. The incumbent will coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies to identify and implement programs, such as Utah Forestry Fire and State Lands urban forestry initiatives, Utah Division of Water Resources conservation programs, U. S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forest Program, and other programs that address urban climate change issues, and the inclusion of under-served communities through urban planning.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

1. MS degree in forestry, horticulture, or related field.
2. Expertise in urban trees, including knowledge of tree care and water-wise planting strategies.
3. Experience in wildland-urban interface issues, including fire risk.
4. Experience in, and desire to work with, diverse populations of learners and stakeholders.
5. Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a team setting with other professionals in the public and private sectors.
6. Excellent oral and written English communication skills.

7. Experience in organizing, developing, and delivering public presentations, events, and other informational and educational activities.
8. Valid driver license and the ability to travel extensively to statewide locations.

### **Preferred Qualifications**

1. PhD degree in forestry, horticulture, or related field.
2. Experience with outreach program development, delivery, and impact assessment related to urban forestry.
3. Experience working in or with land-grant university Extension programs.
4. Experience with identifying and managing urban tree diseases.
5. Outreach experience working with utility companies, state agencies, municipalities, or commercial tree care companies.
6. Demonstrated ability to develop an externally-funded extension program meeting the needs of stakeholders (e.g. landowners, and county-, state- and federal-level agencies).
7. Basic knowledge of western United States forest management, urban planning, and related issues.
8. Experience with populations that are underrepresented in natural resource professions and in the general public.

### **Position Duties**

#### **Extension Development and Delivery – 90%**

- Function as a resource for other Extension personnel and statewide stakeholders for information and recommendations related to urban community forestry, wildland-urban interface issues, arboriculture, greenspace development, water-wise landscaping, and horticulture.
- Design, develop and deliver educational programming to assist natural resource agency personnel, city and state managers, and local communities.
- Pursue external funding in support of Extension programs.
- Develop new core curriculum materials for use by other Extension Agents and Specialists. Serve as a mentor for Extension Agents and Specialists and participate fully in Extension programs.
- Conduct and publish Extension-related research.
- Develop a positive working relationship with USU research faculty, particularly those that work with community development, urban planning, and arboriculture, and horticulture. Track trends, initiatives, and developments in urban forestry.
- Provide impact/outcome statement reports adhering to Extension criteria.
- Contribute to USU's mission of equity, inclusion, and diversity as part of teaching, educational delivery, advising, research, Extension service, and/or scholarly outcomes.

#### **Service – 10%**

- Participate with local, state, and federal resource agencies and NGOs on advisory councils and committees.
- Serve on Department, College, and University committees.
- Represent the urban forestry discipline within the University.
- Participate in professional and scientific organizations.
- Contribute to a welcoming and inclusive workplace environment.

## **Application**

All application materials must be submitted electronically through the USU Human Resources 'jobs' website (<https://jobs.usu.edu>; position # 2023-6317). We request a cover letter, a complete CV, and names and e-mail addresses of three professional references. The position is open until filled, but application review will begin May 1, 2023.

## **Notice of Non-discrimination**

In its programs and activities, including in admissions and employment, Utah State University does not discriminate or tolerate discrimination, including harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, status as a protected veteran, or any other status protected by University policy, Title IX, or any other federal, state, or local law. For further information regarding non-discrimination, please visit <https://equity.usu.edu/>, or contact: U.S. Department of Education Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 800-421-3481, [OCR@ed.gov](mailto:OCR@ed.gov); U.S. Department of Education, Denver Regional Office, 303-844-5695, [OCR.Denver@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.Denver@ed.gov). USU endeavors to provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access in all aspects of employment to qualified persons with disabilities. To request a reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the university's ADA Coordinator in the Human Resource office at 435-797-0122 or submit a request at [hr@usu.edu](mailto:hr@usu.edu).

## **USU Highlights**

Utah State University (USU) was founded in 1888 and is Utah's land-grant and space-grant university. USU is one of only 146 research institutions in the U.S. classified as R1 "very high research activity" by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. As one of the two premier research institutions in Utah, USU provides a high-quality education at an affordable price. With its main campus in Logan, the university serves approximately 27,500 students, including 24,255 undergraduates and 3,171 graduate students. USU Online has served students from all 50 states and 55 countries for 25 years.

USU's statewide system features three residential campuses, 30 total campus locations, and 23 Extension education centers. The university employs 903 full-time faculty members, 124 executive administrators, and 1,649 full-time support staff. USU offers 115 undergraduate majors, as well as 91 master's and 42 doctoral degrees. Learn more about USU.

A core characteristic of USU is engagement with communities and people in economic development, improvements to quality of life, and human capital. Through the practical application of knowledge, the University and its faculty engage and share expertise with the state, nation, and world, preserving the historical land-grant tradition of partnering with communities to address critical societal issues in the interest of the public good.

The USU main campus is located in beautiful Logan, Utah, a city of about 50,000 situated in a picturesque mountain valley about 80 miles north of Salt Lake City. Outstanding recreational opportunities abound in the nearby mountains and proximate region.

USU is sensitive to the needs of dual career couples and provides a Dual Career Assistance program to support careers for partners who are also seeking employment.

USU endeavors to provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access in all aspects of employment to qualified persons with disabilities. To request a reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the university's ADA Coordinator in the Human Resource office at 435-797-0122 or submit a request at [hr@usu.edu](mailto:hr@usu.edu).

### **About the USU Botanical Center**

Located in Kaysville, Utah, along the Wasatch Front, the Utah State University Botanical Center guides the conservation and wise use of plant, water, and energy resources through research-based educational experiences, demonstrations, and technology (<https://extension.usu.edu/botanicalcenter/>). The USU Botanical Center is the result of a partnership between Utah State University, public agencies, individuals, civic groups, businesses, and foundations. The USU Botanical Center features an urban fishery, walking and biking trails, wetland areas that support birds and other wildlife, a volunteer-tended garden that provides fresh produce to local food banks, a seasonal farmers market and classes, workshops, educational field trips and other events. The Center offers a farmer's market from July through September which features local produce, gourmet foods, and artisans

Potential applicants with specific questions are welcome to contact the search committee chair, Dr. Nicki Frey, [nicki.frey@usu.edu](mailto:nicki.frey@usu.edu).