

The Nature Conservancy

POSITION PROFILE



Protecting nature. Preserving life.

Conservation Social Science Technician

The Nature Conservancy's mission is to protect the lands and waters upon which all life depends. As a science-based organization, we create innovative, on-the-ground solutions to our world's toughest challenges so that we can create a world in which people and nature thrive. We're rooted in our Mission and guided by our Values, which includes a [Commitment to Diversity](#) and Respect for People, Communities, and Cultures. Whether it's career development, flexible schedules, or a rewarding mission, there's lots of reasons to love life #insideTNC. Want a better insight to TNC? Check out our [TNC Talent playlist on YouTube](#) or on [Glassdoor](#).

Join our Chesapeake Agriculture Team! By joining the Maryland/DC Agriculture Program, you will become part of a group that is a force for nature and people. Our team consists of a dedicated group who are among those leading the effort to promote agricultural sustainability and resilience across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, as well as other key agricultural regions across the US. Our cross-disciplinary team creates new knowledge about how to achieve at-scale environmental progress, while also advancing on-the-ground conservation implementation.

The Conservation Social Science Technician will offer their expertise in social science research, agricultural systems and conservation practices, stakeholder engagement, and cross-functional team coordination and communication. Key responsibilities include:

Social Science Support: Conducts on-the-ground social science research with farmers and other agricultural stakeholders, including leading one-on-one interviews, focus groups, and potentially supporting future survey efforts. They leverage knowledge of agricultural systems, rural stakeholders, conservation practices, and social science methods to support the effective design of research materials and research products. They offer support in the management and analysis of qualitative social data and bring effective oral and written communication skills to facilitate the distribution of research results to key partners and audiences in the form of presentations, reports, and potentially peer reviewed publications.

Project Management: Support project progress and meeting deliverable deadlines through leveraging their time management and task prioritization skills. They draw on their experience working in cross-functional teams to foster continued communication and collaborative progress among sets of geographically distributed, and interdisciplinary project team members.

Stakeholder Engagement: Uses communication skills and knowledge of the agricultural community to effectively connect with new project participants and build trusting relationships with farmers, agricultural commodity groups, and agribusinesses.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- BA/BS degree in science-related field and 1 year related experience in custodial and ecological land management or similar field or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Experience with natural systems.
- Experience in ecological land management principles.
- Experience operating and or repairing various types of equipment and machinery.
- Must have a valid driver's license.

In addition to offering competitive salaries, learn more about the [additional benefits](#) TNC has to offer.

Apply today! This is a 1-year position, with a strong potential to be extended into the future depending on funding availability and performance. Salary is commensurate with experience in the range of \$44,000-\$48,000. TNC supports flexible work arrangements, and provides a generous benefits package. Submit your cover letter and resume for position number 53104 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time April 2nd, 2023. Please see the full position description and apply at www.nature.org/careers.

The Nature Conservancy is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Our commitment to diversity includes the recognition that our conservation mission is best advanced by the leadership and contributions of people of all genders with diverse backgrounds, beliefs and cultures. Recruiting and mentoring staff to create an inclusive organization that reflects our global character is a priority and we encourage applicants from all cultures, races, colors, religions, sexes, national or regional origins, ages, disability status, sexual orientations, gender identities, military or veteran status or other status protected by law.