

Lauren Phillips

Education

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Master of Science: Agricultural Economics

Manhattan, KS
August 2025 – Current

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
Bachelor of Science: Agricultural Resource Economics

Knoxville, TN
Graduated: May 2025

Major: Natural Resources and Environmental Economics

Minors: Public Health, Sustainability, Geography, and Economics

GPA 3.79/4.00, Dean's List, Magna Cum Laude

1794 Honor's Program, Chancellor's Associates Scholarship Recipient, Herbert Scholars

Experience

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant

Manhattan, KS
August 2025 – Current

OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY
Research Assistant: Net Zero ARMADA Project and Bioenergy KDF

Knoxville, TN
August 2024 – May 2025

- Gathered, reviewed, and summarized articles and key findings on carbon accounting in agricultural and forested lands
- Compared solar energy potential vs bioenergy potential in urban and rural areas
- Performed SQL queries for custom data sets from the Bioenergy KDF database for various institutions
- Gathered, annotated, and prepared articles for contribution to literature reviews

METLIFE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
Agriculture Finance Investment Intern

Germantown, TN
June 2024 – August 2024

- Facilitated loan origination for farms, ranches, and timberland
- Completed land and commodity appraisals throughout the Delta Region (corn, soybeans, rice, cotton, sugarcane, timber, and grains)
- Verified financial documents through spreading (balance sheets, income statements, cash flow statements, and various tax documents)

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS
Student Alumni Programs Intern

Knoxville, TN
September 2022 – May 2024

- Planned and promoted 50+ events for students, staff, faculty, and alumni.
- Generated statistical analysis of alumni demographics for 42 alumni chapters.
- Assisted help desk with answering phone calls, emails and guiding visitors through their questions.

Leadership & Activities

Organizations:

- IAC Local Government Initiative
- Public Health Student Association
- Tennessee Undergraduate Economics Society
- UTK Association of Geographers and Sustainers
- Women in Nature Network

Certificates

Harvard University
Energy within Environmental Constraints

Online
May 2025 – July 2025

Additional Skills and Knowledge

Technical: MATLAB, ArcGIS, Python, SQL, Stata, R, LaTeX