

Assistant Professor

Location: Biloxi, Mississippi

Job no: 498129

Position type: Full-Time 12-Month

Department: 015900 - Coastal Research & Extension Center

Categories: Faculty

Position Open Date: Feb 4 2019

Department Profile: Coastal Research and Extension Center (CREC) serves as Mississippi State University's "southern exposure". This position is based in Biloxi, MS.

Area of Specialization: Forestry

Anticipated Appointment Date: July 1, 2019

Tenure Track Status: Tenure-track 12-month position

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will develop and teach educational programs to the appropriate clientele and county Extension Agents based on national, state, and county needs assessments. These documented Program Plans will include documented curricula that can be delivered and evaluated by the successful candidate and/or county Extension Agents resulting in measured impacts. Duties will include the development of an Extension forestry and applied research program targeting forestry and forest management issues with an additional emphasis in a specialized area of expertise.

This position will be based in Biloxi, but will require travel to county Extension offices and other locations as needed. The successful candidate will work cooperatively with County Extension personnel as a resource.

The Assistant Professor will facilitate technology, research and educational transfer through appropriate training presentations, workshops, and in-service training sessions. The Assistant Professor will interact regularly with forestry stakeholders, including government and non-government agencies and organizations, who represent all facets of forestry issues to identify and facilitate timely applied research and Extension efforts addressing specific problems encountered by clientele. The Assistant Professor will maintain programmatic ties with other Extension State Specialists and other faculty in the Department of Forestry to implement innovative disciplinary and interdisciplinary educational programs as appropriate.

The Assistant Professor will ensure information transfer to stakeholders through on-site verification of research based recommendations via use of appropriate technology. The individual will facilitate, coordinate and participate in Extension and applied research projects, demonstrations and other Extension and applied research activities in collaboration with Extension and government and non-government agency and organization scientists. The individual will submit and/or partner with colleagues in grant

and contract proposals seeking funding to support outreach and applied research efforts. Furthermore, the Assistant Professor will demonstrate and present information and updates through effective program delivery by planning and participating in local, statewide, regional, national and international meetings. In accordance with an Assistant Professor appointment, appropriate scholarly publications (print and web based) including: web-based information sheets, popular articles in trade magazines and newsletters, refereed journal articles, and press releases will be published where appropriate. Considerable local and regional in-state travel will be required to ensure the most pressing needs of the programmatic area are met.

The Assistant Professor will actively participate in professional societies/organizations as well as appropriate CREC and Department of Forestry committees. These activities should include involvement in coordinating ecological goals/objectives through collaborative "team" efforts with Specialists, Agents and research scientists. The Assistant Professor will have an active voice and display leadership in professional organizations and committees. In addition, the Assistant Professor should work actively in the community to educate the general public about forest management issues accomplished through a variety of displays, presentations and other media outlets throughout Mississippi.

Minimum Qualifications:

An earned Ph.D. in forestry or a closely related field with an emphasis on the management and use of forest resources. At least one degree must be from an accredited forestry program. Acceptable candidates must have outstanding English verbal and written communication skills, statistics, experimental design, and/or the scientific assessment techniques required to develop and deliver an applied research and Extension program and to fulfill job responsibilities. ABDs or degree pending considered (all but DISS): ABDs will be accepted.

Preferred Qualifications:

Desired areas of expertise include, but are not limited to, forest management, economics, forest taxation, forest products, silviculture, ecology, and longleaf pine systems. Demonstrated record of peer-reviewed publications. Demonstrated record of extramural funding. Willingness to address critical and emerging forest management issues as part of a collaborative multidisciplinary team.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

The individual should be self-motivated, fit well in a multidisciplinary team environment, and exhibit excellent oral and written communication skills. Demonstrated ability to publish in the peer-reviewed literature.

Instructions for Applying:

All applicants must apply online at www.jobs.msstate.edu. Resume, cover letter, and unofficial transcript, vitae, and statement of research must be submitted with

application. Any social security numbers included on requested transcripts should be redacted prior to submitting online. Three letters of recommendation should be sent separately by your references to:

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