

Faculty Position – Natural Resource Conservation and Management

Department of Forestry

Mississippi State University

Position: Assistant/Associate Professor, Department of Forestry, College of Forest Resources, Forest and Wildlife Research Center, Mississippi State University

Responsibilities: The Department of Forestry is seeking to hire a tenure-track faculty member in the field of Natural Resource Conservation and Management at the Assistant/Associate Professor level. Responsibilities will include participation in the Department's teaching, research, and service activities. The successful candidate will support our Society of American Foresters accredited undergraduate degree program in Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation by contributing to existing courses and developing new courses in their field of expertise. Teaching responsibilities will also contribute to the Department's on-campus and distance education degree programs. Successful candidates will be expected to develop a competitive extramurally-funded research program. Appropriate areas of research expertise include but are not limited to: environmental assessments; human dimensions of natural resource management; ecosystem services and modeling; forest certification; urban and community forestry; environmental policy and decision-making; or sustainability science. Opportunities exist to collaborate with the USDA Forest Service, other federal and state agencies, industry, and private landowners and managers. Service responsibilities will include participation in Department, College, and University activities; developing strong mentoring programs for undergraduate and graduate students; and interacting with constituents and professional organizations.

Minimum Qualifications: A PhD with a specialization in natural resource management, environmental conservation, environmental science and policy, forestry, or a closely related field. All but dissertation (ABD) applicants will be considered.

Preferred Qualifications: Competitive candidates should have a strong record of scholarly publications, demonstrated potential to secure extramural funding, and experience in teaching both on-campus and distance education courses at the university level. Previous experience with the National Environmental Policy Act is also preferred.

Rank and Salary: Tenure-track, full-time, 9-month appointment at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Anticipated Start Date: August 2022

The Department of Forestry: The Department of Forestry is one of three departments in the College of Forest Resources and the Forest and Wildlife Research Center at Mississippi State University. The faculty have diverse teaching, research, service, and outreach expertise in the disciplines of forest biology and watershed management; forest economics, management, and policy; and forest measurements, biometrics, and spatial technologies. The Department has two undergraduate degree programs, Forestry and Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation, each accredited by the Society of American Foresters with ~125 students in addition to ~40 graduate students in both on-campus and distance education programs. The University's John W. Starr Memorial Forest (a +8,000-acre research and teaching forest), the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, and the Tombigbee National Forest are located in close proximity to the University and used for teaching, research, and extension/outreach activities.

Mississippi State University is a Carnegie Very High Research Activity (R1) institution and a land grant university with a strong connection to the state-wide Extension Service. The University is in Starkville, a medium-size college town in northeast Mississippi (www.msstate.edu/web/about).

Application Procedure: Screening of applicants will begin January 31, 2022, and will continue until a suitable applicant is found. Applications must be made on the Mississippi State University Employment opportunities website via the link: <https://www.jobs.msstate.edu> (PARF Number 503392). Applicants should also send, in a single PDF, their: (1) Cover Letter, (2) Curriculum Vitae, (3) 1-page Research Statement, (4) 1-page Teaching Statement, (5) 1-page Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement, (6) Unofficial Graduate Transcripts, and (7) Contact Information for three References to:

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MSU is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, ethnicity, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, pregnancy, gender identity, status as a U.S. veteran, and/or any other status protected by applicable law. We always welcome nominations and applications from women, members of any minority group, and others who share our passion for building a diverse community that reflects the diversity in our student population.