



### **Joseph E. Ibberson Chair in Forest Resources Management**

The [Department of Ecosystem Science and Management](#) at Pennsylvania State University invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position, the Joseph E. Ibberson Chair in Forest Resources Management. The position will be filled at the Assistant Professor level, on a 36-week academic year appointment, with 50% research, 40% teaching, and 10% Extension responsibilities.

The successful candidate is expected to develop a nationally recognized, extramurally supported research program focused on the conservation and management of forest lands for multiple values and to address private forest resources management issues through scholarly study and outreach activities.

The successful candidate must be, or have the capacity to be, an outstanding and enthusiastic teacher and mentor. Indeed, a primary purpose of the Ibberson Chair is to educate students in the management of private forest resources to attain multiple benefits of sustainable forest management. The successful candidate is expected to teach at least two undergraduate courses, at least one with a field component, and one graduate course annually in the area of forest resource management and forest stewardship on private lands covering topics such as wildlife habitat management, forest restoration, and managing forests for multiple values. Other responsibilities include mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, serving on graduate committees, advising undergraduate students, supervising undergraduate and graduate research, and service to the University community.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to engage with the Forestry and Wildlife Extension team within the College of Agricultural Sciences and the Center for Private Forests at Penn State ([ecosystems.psu.edu/private-forests](http://ecosystems.psu.edu/private-forests)) to facilitate outreach to the larger public around forest conservation and management in the area of the candidate's expertise. Additional opportunities exist to support student outreach through recruitment and oversight of internships.

Qualifications include a Ph.D. in forestry, wildlife, natural resource conservation, or a related field with a preference for candidates with a least one degree in forestry; a strong publication record and the potential to develop an extramurally funded research program; and demonstrated excellence in undergraduate teaching and advising. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in forest

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management, wildlife habitat management, and spatial analysis of forest resources. The successful candidate must have completed all degree requirements by the appointment date. Communication, creative leadership, collegiality, and the ability to work cooperatively among a diverse population of students, faculty, staff, industry and agency groups is essential in our department and university.

Penn State is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, committed to providing employment opportunities to minorities, women, veterans, disabled individuals, and other protected groups. Penn State encourages applications from members of these groups. Penn State is responsive to the needs of dual-career couples. All Penn State faculty are expected to comply with relevant policies, maintain high ethical standards, and participate in professional service and/or outreach.

The Ibberson Chair can take advantage of the extensive research and outreach infrastructures available at Penn State, one of the top-ranked research universities in the country. Resources include land holdings of more than 9000 acres of forestland within 30 minutes of the main campus and a new forest resources building with modern labs and classrooms to facilitate teaching and research. Multiple Centers and Institutes at the University offer numerous opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations and utilization of shared facilities. Central Pennsylvania offers thriving communities with a reasonable cost of living, excellent schools and health care systems and numerous recreational, arts and entertainment opportunities. The area offers beautiful mountains, streams and parks, as well as superb sports and recreational opportunities. State College and the surrounding communities are home to approximately 100,000 people, including over 45,000 students.

Interested individuals are invited to apply at <https://psu.jobs/job/91199>. For further information, contact Margaret Brittingham, Search Committee Chair ([mx21@psu.edu](mailto:mx21@psu.edu), 814-863-8442).

Application materials requested are: cover letter, statement of research interests, statement of teaching philosophy, a statement which addresses past experiences and plans for developing a diverse, inclusive, and equitable program in forest resource management, CV, up to three reprints, transcripts of undergraduate and graduate degrees, and names and contact information for three individuals who can provide references. Applications will be reviewed beginning November 11, 2019, and the search will continue until the position is filled.