



Assistantship Available for Graduate Student (MS) in Forest Economics

Michigan State University's Department of Forestry is pleased to announce a two-year graduate research assistantship (RA) to support a master's (MS) student in conducting research in Forest Resource Economics. The successful candidate will be involved in interdisciplinary research in forestry and will receive training in forest economics, market analysis, and forest resource management. The assistantship is available as early as Spring 2021, depending on the applicant.

The candidate should have:

- Undergraduate degree in Forestry, Economics or related field
- Previously attained and maintained exceptional academic standing
- A GRE score
- A TOEFL score of 80 iBT or higher (required for students with non-English credentials only)
- Experience in report-writing or drafting research articles
- A self-motivated, well organized nature, adaptive to a team of multidisciplinary researchers

Additionally, candidates must meet the minimum requirements outlined by Michigan State University's Graduate program, found here: <https://grad.msu.edu/>

The successful candidate will be supported for two years. Assistantships include:

- A bi-weekly stipend, determined by prior experience and education levels (first year stipend will be approximately \$26,000)
- A tuition waiver of up to nine credits per semester fall and spring and five credits during the summer with an out-of-state tuition waiver for students who take more than the covered number of credits each semester
- Enrollment in the University's graduate health insurance plan

Sources of graduate funding in addition to this assistantship are available through national and MSU programs. Students will be encouraged and assisted in seeking this funding.

To apply, please send a one-page cover letter, CV, and the names and contact information of three referees by email as a single pdf file to Dr. Raju Pokharel at raju2020@msu.edu. Current MSU students may also apply via Handshake by searching for Posting #4077937. To be accepted into the graduate program, potential students must also apply through the MSU Graduate School at <https://grad.msu.edu/apply>. When applying, please indicate an interest in the Forest Resource Economics Graduate Assistantships in the required Statement of Interests. Applications must be completed by October 31, 2020, for Spring 2021 enrollment. Applicants received by December 1, 2020, will be considered for Fall 2021 enrollment and receive full consideration for additional funding opportunities at MSU.

Please visit http://www.for.msu.edu/graduate/important_information_for_graduate_applicants for specific information regarding the Forestry graduate program.

Michigan State University is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law. The Department of Forestry is committed to promoting

*diversity in research. Members of underrepresented groups in STEM fields are highly encouraged to apply.
We thank all applicants, but only those selected will be contacted.*