



Graduate Research Assistantship

Institutions and networks that promote sustainable forestry by private forest owners

I am seeking a graduate student at the PhD or MS level to investigate the institutions and networks that aid private forest owners when they seek to manage their forests and/or that might improve the ecological health of such lands. The successful candidate will collect both social science research and on-the-ground harvest site assessments, analyze and integrate social science data with ecological data, and prepare results for dissemination for academic and extension audiences. The opportunity to assist with on-going extension programming is also available.

Desired qualifications include:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Background in forestry or related natural resources field OR in the social sciences
- Ability and willingness to travel as part of project

The research assistantship will include competitive salary, health benefits, tuition remission, project support, and presentation travel support. First year funding is assured. Subsequent funding dependent on both student progress and grant success. For full consideration, please contact me before **31 March 2006** for initial conversation and application instructions.



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