

Extension Agent: Forestry and Natural Resources

(3 positions)

Virginia Cooperative Extension is seeking applications for Extension Agent, Forestry and Natural Resources, within the Agriculture and Natural Resources Program (Southeast, Northeast, and Central Districts). Successful candidates will be lecturer rank, non-tenure track, professional faculty. Salary is commensurate with qualifications, including education and experience.

These positions require the ability to assess educational needs, develop and deliver objective, research-based educational programs to homeowners, forest landowners, forest workers, natural resource professionals, Extension Agents and local governments; respond to requests for forestry, urban forestry, wildlife, and natural resources information; and work cooperatively with the local government and state agencies, assist with economic development, land conservation, and urban-rural interface issues.

Responsibilities: Agents must determine program needs by monitoring trends and issues, involving Extension leadership councils and other leadership committees; design programs to meet needs of target audiences, specify program goals and objectives, and identify resources; inform clientele of program activities; use appropriate technologies to plan and deliver programs through workshops, seminars, conferences, one-on-one visits, field trips and tours; maintain knowledge of current research information; develop computer applications; develop and implement evaluation plans; recruit and utilize volunteers; and report results to clientele, public and administration.

Qualifications: These agent faculty positions require a bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline; however, a M.S. degree is preferred. At least one degree in a discipline related to the subject matter specialty area is preferred. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; ability to recruit, train and manage volunteers; and experience in developing positive interactions with the public are required. Experience in planning, implementing, marketing, and evaluating programs is preferred.

To Apply: Applicants are required to apply electronically online to: <https://jobs.vt.edu>. In addition to the online faculty application, applicants are required to submit by attachment a cover letter, complete resume and a listing of reference contact information of three individuals (name, telephone number and email address). (TIP: Have these documents ready to attach at the time you submit your faculty application; the system will not allow you to enter a second time for any position). IMPORTANT: In order to be considered for the position, applicants are also required to mail (by January 20, 2006) a copy of official undergraduate and graduate transcripts to:

Carolyn Sowers, Personnel Manager
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