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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #0001-3094

Title: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (FOREST ECOLOGY AND SILVICULTURE)

Location: WEST FLORIDA RESEARCH & EDUCATION CENTER (WFREC)
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS)
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Salary: COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Position Open to: November 1, 2005 or until a suitable candidate is identified

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This shall be a full-time (12-month) tenure-track position with tenure accruing in the School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC; <http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu>). The initial appointment will be 60% teaching (College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, CALS) and 40% Research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station). This assignment may be changed in accordance with the needs of SFRC and WFREC. The individual is expected to assume teaching duties in a dynamic on-going natural resources conservation program on the Milton campus. Teaching responsibilities will include such courses as Forest Ecology, Silviculture, Natural Resource Sampling (co-teach) and two others depending upon the needs of the curriculum and the specific background of the individual hired into the position. In addition, the individual is expected to attract and supervise graduate students in areas that strengthen his/her programmatic responsibilities. He/she is expected to develop a strong research program to assist private and public forestland owners. Possible research topics include silvicultural systems, vegetation management, fertilization practices, ecological restoration, fire ecology, invasive species ecology, and management among others. He/she will be expected to identify sources and seek extramural funds to support educational and research programs.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. in forestry with specialization in forest ecology/silviculture. Additional expertise in soils, fire ecology, and/or restoration ecology. Strong teaching and research background, ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing with scientific, producer, and student audiences, and willingness to work with an interdisciplinary team of scientists. Support the mission of the Land-Grant system. Commitment to IFAS' core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This position is part of an off-campus teaching program, which has been established at the WFREC (<http://wfrec.ifas.ufl.edu>) and is a collaborative effort between the University of Florida, Pensacola Junior College (PJC) and the University of West Florida. This unique teaching program, located at the PJC Milton campus approximately 20 miles northeast of Pensacola, FL, allows students to pursue a B.S. degree in Natural Resource Conservation, Environmental Horticulture, or Turfgrass Science. In addition to excellent facilities at the Milton campus, a 650 acre research and demonstration farm is located about 12 miles north of Milton in Jay, FL.

Florida has 16 million acres of forestland, comprising a diversity of ecosystems ranging from cypress swamps to mesic hardwoods, pine flatwoods and xeric sandhill oak/pine forests. Nearly half of the forestland of the state is owned by private, non-industrial landowners; one third by forest industries, and the remainder by public agencies.

Management of these forestlands poses challenges and opportunities due to their unique flora and fauna, rapid urbanization, access to international markets, a favorable environment for plant growth, and a strong demand for the economic, environmental and social products of Florida's forests. Florida lumber, wood products, and paper industries employ over 40,000, many of whom work in northwest Florida.

The SFRC is an academic unit with the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) of the University of Florida. Through the IFAS/CALS, the SFRC offers a B.S. degree in Forest Resources and Conservation (BSFRC) with a Natural Resources Conservation option which is jointly supported by the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation with whom the School has close working relationships. SFRC also offers MFRC, MS, and PhD programs. The University of Florida is a Land-Grant institution with an enrollment in excess of 49,000 students and is a member of the Association of American Universities. IFAS includes 20 academic units, 5 interdisciplinary centers, 14 research and education centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida's 67 counties and with the Seminole Tribe. IFAS, one of the nation's largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and Deans for CALS, Extension, Research, and the College of Veterinary Medicine. The program at PJC-Milton campus is one of a select few academic programs offered at locations outside Gainesville.

HOW TO APPLY: To be considered for this position, please submit the following items: (1) a letter of application including a description of interests, academic training, professional experience and qualification related to this position; (2) curriculum vitae (3); official transcripts of all college and university work (must be sent directly from the institution); and (4) at least three (3) letters of reference sent directly by the referees and names, address and phone number of at least two additional references. Nominations of candidates are encouraged. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. For full consideration the above materials must be received by November 1, 2005. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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