

# ASACR 9

Office of the President  
May 1, 2018

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND ENVIRONMENT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Forest and Natural Resources (FNRS), in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources within the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, beginning in the Fall 2018 Semester.

Background: The proposed PhD in Forest and Natural Resources is designed as an individualized yet comprehensive degree of study in the management and conservation of natural resources, and the environment. At present, there are no such PhD programs in Kentucky. As a result, Kentucky students interested in pursuing a PhD in this field must leave the State to do so. The proposed Program also seeks to attract high quality, motivated students from across the nation; as there is substantial job growth in forestry and natural resource management. Graduates of the Program will be employed in state and federal governments, and private industry. Students will be prepared to conduct research in natural resource sciences as well as teach in natural resources-related disciplines, such as forest management and conservation biology.

This Program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the 30-day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_