

## **University of Kentucky Position Announcement for the Chair, Department of Forestry**

**Responsibilities:** The successful candidate will provide direction and leadership during a progressive and innovative era for the Department. In response to changing scientific and human dimensions that are broadening and redefining the discipline of forestry and impacting other natural resource sciences, the Department, with strong support from the Dean and Provost, has developed a new vision of our scientific and land-grant mission. This vision includes enhancing a strong core program in forestry and developing national prominence in research and graduate education, as well as addressing a broader range of biodiversity conservation, environmental and natural resource issues. This broader scope will involve a name change to reflect the Department's mission. The vision statement for the Department is at <http://www.uky.edu/Agriculture/Forestry/forestry.html>. The Chair serves as the administrative officer and program leader for the Department of Forestry, reporting directly to the Dean of the College of Agriculture.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must hold a Ph. D. in Forestry or a related natural resource science discipline and show ability to develop and implement a vision for the expanded departmental mission, as well as possess the ability to lead excellent teaching, research and extension programs. Demonstrated ability to support nationally prominent research and graduate education is a key qualification. Candidates must have a clear understanding of the land-grant university mission and a broad vision for the Department's role within the system. Administrative experience and/or evidence of potential for effective administration; a national reputation for excellent scholarship; and strong leadership, organizational and inter-personal skills are also expected. Applicants should also meet qualifications for immediate tenure in the Department and rank of full professor.

**Department:** The Department of Forestry currently has 17 full-time faculty positions (including up to five faculty to be recruited and hired by the successful Chair candidate) and eight research or extension specialists. The Department Chair will provide leadership for its Society of American Foresters accredited Forestry undergraduate program and an interdisciplinary undergraduate program in Natural Resources and Conservation Management. The Department also manages unique assets such as a nationally recognized Wood Utilization Center and the University's Robinson Forest, both located in eastern Kentucky.

**Salary:** Salary is negotiable. Benefits and salary are competitive with other leading land grant universities.

**Nominations and Application Deadline:** Nominations are encouraged. Applications will be accepted through January 15, 2003 or until a suitable candidate is found. To apply, send a statement of interest describing the following: educational background, experience, leadership philosophy, and vision for the Department. Please include a resume, copies of transcripts and the names and addresses of four references to: Dr. Nancy Cox, Search Committee Chair, ASN S-107, Lexington, KY 40546-0091. Phone 859-257-3333. FAX 859-257-3393. Email: [ncox@uky.edu](mailto:ncox@uky.edu).

*The University of Kentucky is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from minorities and women.*