



**DEPARTMENT OF FOREST SCIENCE
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

- POSITION:** Forest Information Technologies Extension Program Specialist
- APPOINTMENT:** Twelve-month non-tenure track joint appointment in the Department of Forest Science and Texas Forest Service
- AVAILABLE:** Immediately
- CLOSING DATE:** 31 January 2003 or until suitable candidate is found.

QUALIFICATIONS: M.S., with at least one degree in distance education and information technologies required. Must be knowledgeable about renewable natural resources. The equivalent of two years experience in extension, teaching, or similar work preferred. Candidate must have demonstrated ability to work closely with diverse audiences, including extension specialists, forestry faculty, information technologists, marketing specialists, communications specialists, and the general public. Must be able to communicate effectively orally, in writing, and function effectively as a team member. Evidence of successful utilization of a variety of teaching and information delivery methods is required.

ADMINISTRATIVE RELATIONSHIPS: The individual selected will be a member of the Texas A&M University Department of Forest Science Extension Unit and will respond to the Head of the Department of Forest Science, the Texas Forest Service, and to Texas Cooperative Extension administration through the Forestry Extension Program Leader. The position represents a joint appointment between the Department of Forest Science and the Texas Forest Service.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful applicant will develop distance education technologies for forestry extension specialists, and will be the Forestry Unit's cornerstone for building a knowledge-based system that provides factual information to the public and disseminates information in a variety of ways. Directs and produces professional web sites, video, interactive CD's and DVD's, and other technologies geared toward educating Texans about forestry. Must be knowledgeable about identifying and exploiting effective educational delivery systems. Serves as a Texas A&M University System resource for technology transfer of research-based distance education information. Works as a team member on interdisciplinary forestry and distance education problems. Assists in development of cooperative programs with the Texas Forest Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Cooperative Extension colleagues, professional organizations, and collaborators regionally, nationally and internationally, as appropriate. Supports the Department of Forest Science mission and goals. Participates in professional improvement and professional society activities at local, state and national levels. Is expected to cooperate with forestry specialists in preparation of grants and proposals in support of the Forestry Extension Program.

FACILITIES AND COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS: The position will be in based College Station, Texas to facilitate development and delivery of statewide programs. The Department occupies modern teaching, research and outreach facilities on the College Station campus of Texas A&M University and at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Overton. Well-equipped distance learning facilities are available. The Texas Forest Service has facilities located throughout the state and is headquartered in College Station. The position provides unusual opportunity for collaborative efforts with specialists in forestry and natural resource disciplines across the largest agriculture, natural resource and life sciences program in the United States. Excellent collaborative relationships exist throughout the South and Texas forestry sector.

APPLICATIONS: Interested persons should submit a letter of application, resume, portfolio, official university transcripts, and complete contact information for five references. A formal, one-page statement of philosophy on the future of distance education and information technologies for extension programs and the role of the program specialist should also be included. Application information should be sent to:

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