

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #913770 Re-advertised

Title: ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF FORESTRY
(FOREST MANAGEMENT)

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

Position open to: September 18, 2001

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This shall be a full-time (12-month) tenure accruing position in the School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC) (www.sfrc.ufl.edu). The initial appointment will be 60% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences) and 40% Extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service). This assignment may be changed in accordance with the needs of the unit. Implementation of the Affirmative Action program of the University of Florida is required.

Teaching responsibilities: The individual will assume teaching duties in a dynamic on-going natural resources conservation program on the Milton campus. Teaching responsibilities will focus on the socio-economic dimensions of the curriculum to enhance and bring balance to the strong biophysical science competencies now present. Initial course responsibilities will include Forest Management, Natural Resources Policy, Integrated Natural Resources Management. Other courses may be added depending upon the needs of the curriculum and the specific background of the individual hired into the position. The individual is expected to participate in graduate education, chair graduate committees, and supervise thesis and dissertation research in areas that strengthen the programmatic responsibilities of the faculty member.

Extension responsibilities: The faculty member is expected to develop a strong program to assist private forestland owners in making management decisions that lead to profitable outcomes from environmentally sound stewardship. The faculty member will support county faculty by organizing and conducting in-service training programs, developing publications and other media for program delivery and assisting in workshops, field days and seminars in forest management. These should address management decision-making that incorporates the economics of forest practices; multiple products; tax, incentive and regulatory policies; and alternative land use options. In addition the faculty member will assist county and other state faculty in establishing appropriate demonstrations that will enhance both academic courses and Extension educational programs. These, when possible, will also involve cooperators

from the private and public sectors.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. in forestry with specialization in forest management is required. A strong teaching and extension background and an ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing with scientific, producer, and student audiences, and willingness to work with an interdisciplinary team of scientists are also essential. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS' core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This position is part of a satellite teaching program which has been established at the WFREC 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 PJC in Milton (approximately 20 miles northeast of Pensacola, FL), allows students to pursue a B.S. degree in Natural Resource Conservation, Environmental Horticulture, and Turfgrass Science. In addition to excellent facilities at the Milton campus, a 650 acre research station is located about 12 miles north of Milton near Jay, FL. Research is conducted in forestry, agroforestry, natural resource management, turf, landscape, forage and weed sciences, floriculture and nematology. WFREC faculty and staff are dedicated to interdisciplinary research, teaching, and extension programs that meet the needs of local clientele and could have statewide nation-wide as well as international impact. The location of WFREC allows families to enjoy the advantages of rural living while being within 15 minutes of Pensacola, one of Florida's major cities.

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 is owned by forest industries and the remainder is public forests. 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 economics, environmental and social products of Florida's forests. The Florida lumber, wood products and paper industry employs over 35,000, many of whom work in northwest Florida.

The School of Forest Resources and Conservation is an academic unit with the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) of the University of Florida. Through the IFAS/College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the School offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resources and Conservation (BSFRC) with a Natural Resources Conservation specialization which is jointly supported by the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation with whom the School has close working relationships. The School also offers graduate programs (MFRC, MS and PhD) and cooperates closely with the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

The University of Florida, a member of the Association of American Universities, offers more than 100 different majors, and enrolls over 44,000 students. The new program at PJC-Milton campus is one of a select few academic programs offered at locations outside Gainesville. PJC and the nearby cooperating University of West Florida enroll more than 25,000 students in a comprehensive academic environment. The population of Milton is 15,000 whereas it is 300,000 in the Pensacola area.

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. All of the

above items must be postmarked by the closing date of September 18, 2001
Nominations of candidates are encouraged. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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