

Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in forest systems management

The School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences at Auburn University invites applications for an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in applied forest systems management beginning October 2016. This is a tenure-track, 12 month appointment, with 75% extension and 25% teaching. The successful candidate will perform educational functions of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES), the primary Extension organization for the land-grant mission of Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities. ACES is dedicated to delivering research-based educational programs designed to empower individuals to improve their quality of life and economic well-being. The position will support the timber landowners of Alabama through Extension programming and related applied research.

A PhD in forestry or a related field and excellent organization, writing, and communications skills are required. The successful candidate must demonstrate a compelling interest and capability to deliver science-based information to a variety of audiences; ability to act creatively, confidentially and professionally when working with people from diverse educational and cultural backgrounds; evidence of drive and initiative as demonstrated by personal experiences and previous employment; a collaborative approach to working with others is required. Knowledge/experience in the areas of multiple use forest management, forest certification programs, and conservation easements, along with experience in the application of GIS/GPS and financial analyses techniques is desirable. Candidates must be willing and able to work closely as a member of the Extension Forestry and Natural Resource team with public land managers, private forest landowners, and natural resource technical service providers. Ability to travel, including a current unrestricted driver's license, is also required. The candidate selected for this position must be able to meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States by the date appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment.

The successful candidate is expected to work independently and in collaboration with other faculty in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences and other Auburn University faculty to; (1) synthesize and apply research information and expertise; (2) provide technical training and support to regional and county extension coordinators of Alabama and beyond; (3) develop and deliver Extension programs through a variety of media including publications, web sites, distance learning, demonstrations, and other formats; (4) secure extramural funding to support extension programs; and (5) teach one or two courses and mentor graduate students.

To apply please go to <http://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/1691>, complete the online form and upload the required application documents: 1) cover letter addressing the candidate's interest and experience pertinent to the responsibilities of the position, 2) current curriculum vita, 3) copies of all graduate level academic transcripts, and 4) the names and contact information of at least three references. Review of applications will begin July 1, 2016 and will continue until a candidate accepts appointment.

The School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences is a national and international leader in forestry, wildlife, and natural resources programs and the flagship for these programs in Alabama. Alabama's forests account for almost 70% of the land area in the state. Much of this timberland (87%) is owned by non-industrial forest landowners. These landowners look for ways to improve their forest management for multiple benefits and marketing and to position themselves to benefit from forest certification and other incentive programs.

Auburn University is one of the nation's premier land, sea, and space grant institutions. In the 2016 edition of U.S. News and World Report, it was ranked 46th among public universities. Auburn is an institution that is both highly research-active and committed to maintaining teaching excellence, offering Bachelor's, Master's, Educational Specialist, and Doctor's degrees. Its 2015 enrollment of 27,287 students includes 21,786 undergraduates and 5,501 post baccalaureate students. There are 1,216

instructional faculty members distributed across nine Colleges and three Schools with degrees offered in more than 200 academic programs. Auburn University is nationally recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, positive work environment, exciting student life, and the beauty of its campus.

Auburn University is geographically located in a moderate climate with easy access to both beach and mountain recreational facilities and is situated along the rapidly developing I-85 corridor between Atlanta, Georgia and Montgomery, Alabama. The Auburn-Opelika metropolitan statistical area has a population of 140,000, excellent public school systems, a regional medical center and the distinction of being recognized as one of the “best small towns in America”.

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