



## Position Announcement

### Director, Forestry Research & Extension - Upper Peninsula (Academic Specialist – Outreach – Continuing System)

Department of Forestry, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University

**Position description:** The Department of Forestry at Michigan State University is seeking a full-time Director to lead programming, interface with Upper Peninsula (U.P.) communities and stakeholders, and oversee forested property management at the Escanaba field station (currently named the Forest Biomass Innovation Center) and other locations. Reporting to the Department Chairperson, the Director will be responsible for promoting, facilitating and conducting community-engaged research and extension/outreach toward the sustainable management of U.P. forests. The Director provides a crucial connection between MSU faculty and U.P. communities and forestry stakeholders. As an integral part of the Department of Forestry, the Director will participate in Department governance, including faculty meetings. Responsibilities include leading or assisting with the development of proposals for external funding to carry out research, education and extension/outreach, especially for initiatives that link research, businesses and industry, and communities. The Director will facilitate leadership on emerging forestry issues, develop partnerships with K-12 and higher education institutions to promote forestry education, collaborate with the forest products industry and other businesses to spur economic development and quality of life, and collaborate with government agencies, tribal governments and NGOs to promote sustainable forest management, restoration and conservation. The Director will supervise regular, part-time and student employees; oversee the development of short- and long-term forest management plans; oversee the management of records and databases for all experiments, treatments, results, and land-use operations; and oversee the maintenance of facilities and equipment. This position is in the University's Academic Specialist Continuing Appointment System. A complete description of the MSU Academic Specialist system is available at: <https://www.hr.msu.edu/documents/facacadhandbooks/academicspecialist>

Founded in 1902, MSU's Department of Forestry is among the first and most prestigious Forestry programs in the United States, with growing undergraduate and graduate student enrollment and strong support from over 2,000 alumni.

**Required qualifications:** The successful candidate will have a combination of at least five years of graduate education or professional experience in 1) forestry, 2) leadership, 3) community-engaged research, teaching, and extension, and 4) supervision of employees. At least an MS degree in Forestry or closely related field is required; a PhD in Forestry or closely related field is preferred. At least one degree in Forestry is preferred. We seek an enthusiastic leader, dedicated to: sustainable

forest management and community development; fostering the success of MSU research and extension; and building relationships among faculty, staff, and U.P. communities and stakeholders.

**Location:** The position is based at the AgBioResearch and Extension Field Station in Escanaba, Michigan, USA. Some time on MSU's campus in East Lansing will be required.

The University is proactive about its obligations under the ADA, and provides individual accessibility plans to students and employees with disabilities. Michigan State University is also proactive in exploring opportunities for employment for dual career families, both inside and outside the University, and respects all family forms. Information about MSU's dual career support can be found at <http://miwin.msu.edu/>. Information about WorkLife at MSU can be found at <http://worklife.msu.edu/> The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University is committed to achieving excellence by creating and sustaining an accessible and inclusive culture that values cultural and academic diversity. We are an equal opportunity / affirmative action employer. The CANR is particularly interested in candidates of all backgrounds who are committed to the principle that academic excellence is achieved through open access and proactive inclusion.

**To Apply:** Apply online at <https://careers.msu.edu> to position number 469227. Upload the following required documents: 1) a letter of interest detailing qualifications for the position; 2) resume/curriculum vitae; 3) a summary of your experience with diversity in research, extension, and/or teaching and an explanation of how you will contribute to inclusive excellence (2 pg. max); and 4) a list of at least three references with contact information.

**Application deadline:** Application review will begin on October 31, 2017 and the position will remain open until filled. Desired start date is in early 2018. Questions about the position should be directed to the Chair of the search committee, Dr. David Rothstein ([rothste2@msu.edu](mailto:rothste2@msu.edu), 517-432-3353).

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