



Assistant Professor of Forest Resource Economics

Position Announcement

Department of Forestry, Michigan State University

Position description: The Department of Forestry at Michigan State University invites applications for a 9-month tenure-system position at the assistant professor rank with a focus in Forest Resource Economics (40% research, 30% teaching, 30% extension). We seek an outstanding and innovative scientist to identify and address issues related to economic aspects of managing forest ecosystems. The incumbent will contribute to the Department's focal areas of forest economics and management through research on the application of economic principles and approaches to problems of sustainable management of forest resources for an array of social objectives.

Possible areas of expertise include (but are not limited to) economic analysis of: various forest management and silvicultural practices; wood products and forest carbon markets; ecosystem services and non-timber forest products; forest property taxation and estate planning; and management of (and for) fire and other natural processes. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an internationally-recognized research program by securing competitive external funding, publishing in leading peer-reviewed journals, and advancing our understanding of economic aspects of the management of forested ecosystems. The successful candidate will annually teach an undergraduate course in Forest Resource Economics and Management (FOR 462) and is expected to teach a graduate course that contributes to the Department's graduate learning objectives. Extension responsibilities could include stakeholder-engaged research and developing forest economics programs for both public and private forest stakeholders. Responsibilities also include recruiting and training graduate students, undergraduate mentoring, and Department, College, University, and professional service.

Required qualifications: An earned Ph.D. in Forest Economics or related fields. Applicants should have a record of or demonstrated ability for scholarly activities including peer-reviewed journal articles and successful grant applications. Applicants also should have a demonstrated interest in teaching, outreach / extension, and working with under-represented groups.

Location: The position will be based at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI, USA. Formally established in 1902, Michigan State's Department of Forestry was among the first undergraduate forestry programs in the U.S. The Department is a vibrant, growing, internationally-recognized unit firmly committed to interdisciplinary education, research, and extension to understand and resolve environmental and natural resource issues.

MSU enjoys a park-like campus with outlying research facilities and natural areas. The campus is located in the city of East Lansing, adjacent to the capital city of Lansing. The Lansing metropolitan

area has a diverse population of approximately 450,000. Local communities have excellent school systems and place a high value on education. 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: For consideration, submit your application online at <http://careers.msu.edu> to job number 466444. Upload the following required documents: 1) a letter of interest detailing qualifications for the position, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) statement of research experience and future direction (2 page max), 4) statement of teaching experience and philosophy (2 page max), 5) a summary of your experience with diversity in teaching and / or research and an explanation of how you will contribute to our goals of inclusive excellence (2 page max), and 6) a list of three professional references with contact information (institution, email address, phone number). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application deadline: Review of applications will begin November 15, 2017, and continue until a suitable candidate is selected. Inquires may be made to Pascal Nzokou, Chairperson, Forest Economics Search Committee, by email nzokoupa@msu.edu (preferred) or by phone at (517) 432-5664.

MSU is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer, committed to achieving excellence through a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture that encourages all people to reach their full potential. We actively encourage applications from, and nominations of, women, persons of color, veterans, persons with disabilities and other individuals who can contribute to the intellectual diversity and cultural richness at Michigan State University. MSU is committed to providing a work environment that supports employees' work and personal life, and offers employment assistance to the spouse or partner of candidates for faculty and academic staff positions.