

FACULTY POSITION
Assistant Professor of Forest Ecology
Division of Forestry and Natural Resources
West Virginia University

Academic Rank and Salary: The Forest Resources Management Program in the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources at West Virginia University is seeking to fill a nine-month, tenure track position at the rank of Assistant Professor. The position will begin August 16, 2010. Summer salary may be available initially in order to establish a research program contingent upon availability of funds.

Responsibilities: Responsibilities include the following: 1) teaching undergraduate courses in dendrology (FOR 205) and forest ecology (FMAN 212) as well as one graduate course per year in the incumbent's area of expertise. 2) planning and developing support for a research program focused on the ecological issues confronting the central Appalachian forests including but not limited to high elevation species, changing species composition, forest productivity, climate change, and the relationships with invasive plants, insects and pathogens, and 3) develop service activities focused on public and private forestland owners and the forest industry of West Virginia. The incumbent will work closely with the Appalachian Hardwood Center and Cooperative Extension Service at WVU in developing applied research projects and service-related activities. The incumbent will be expected to attract and mentor graduate students, to acquire extramural funding, and to publish research results in refereed research journals.

Qualifications: An earned doctorate, with at least one degree in Forest Management with an emphasis in the ecology of forested ecosystems is required. Strong quantitative and spatial analysis skills are desired. Demonstrated ability to communicate with students, forest industries, the general public, and other scientists is essential.

Program: The Forest Resources Management program at WVU is one of four program areas in the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources. The program offers degrees at the bachelor's, masters, and doctoral levels. The B.S. in Forest Resources Management is accredited by the Society of American Foresters. The applicant should be willing to work closely with the forest and natural resource industries within the state and offers numerous opportunities for collaboration between faculty and research staff in the forest and mineral industries in West Virginia.

Location: The West Virginia University main campus is located in Morgantown, a small city of 45,000 in the Appalachian Mountains on West Virginia's northern border adjacent to Pennsylvania. Morgantown was rated third in the United States among best metropolitan cities in which to live in *The Rating Guide to Life in America's Small Cities*, 1997 edition. West Virginia University is the state's major research, doctoral degree granting, land-grant institution. It serves over 28,500 students in 185-degree programs offered by 15 academic schools and colleges.

Application: Qualified applicants should submit an application letter, detailed curriculum vitae, transcripts, and a list containing at least three professional references that includes all necessary contact information (address, telephone number, and e-mail address). All correspondence must be sent to and inquiries directed to:

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Applications will be accepted until May 1, 2010 or until the position is filled. West Virginia University is committed to enhancing its faculty diversity. Women and minority applicants are encouraged to apply. Web Site: <http://www.forestry.caf.wvu.edu>

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