

Graduate Research Assistantship Position Available in the Department of Forestry at Mississippi State University

The Silviculture Lab in the Department of Forestry at Mississippi State University is seeking applicants for a funded M.S. assistantship. The successful candidate will work with Dr. Adam Polinko (Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University) and Dr. Joshua Puhlick (Silviculturist, Ecological Silviculture Lab, The Jones Center at Ichauway) on research topics to develop silvicultural strategies for converting plantations to multi-aged, longleaf pine stands as well as restoration of native grasses and forbs.

Candidates that are creative, independent, and passionate about silviculture, forestry or ecology are encouraged to apply. The position will likely involve long days in the field as well as behind a computer. Master's Assistantships are 2-year positions and include stipend (\$15,000 annually), tuition waiver, insurance, and summer accommodations. The start date of the position is Fall 2022.

Required qualifications:

- A bachelor's degree in forestry, biology, ecology, natural resource management or related field
- Ability to meet all admissions requirements to the Department of Forestry M.S. program
- Demonstrated excellence in English (written and oral) communication skills
- Valid driver's license

Preferred qualifications:

- Enthusiasm for problem solving and data analysis.

Information about the Department of Forestry at Mississippi State University as well as admissions criteria can be found at <https://www.cfr.msstate.edu/forestry/index.asp> and <http://www.grad.msstate.edu/>. Additional information about the Ecological Silviculture Lab and The Jones Center at Ichauway can be found at www.jonesctr.org.

Interested candidates should contact Dr. Adam Polinko and Dr. Joshua Puhlick by emailing a letter of interest including career goals, your CV, undergraduate transcripts, and contact information for three references using the information below. Successful applicants will also be required to apply to the Graduate School at Mississippi State University. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

MSU is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, ethnicity, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, disability status, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. We always welcome nominations and applications from women, members of any minority group, and others who share our passion for building a diverse community that reflects the diversity in our student population.

What do I do if I need an accommodation?

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