POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 00015073
REQUISITION # 506194

Title: Assistant Professor of Silviculture

Location: School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC)
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Gainesville, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by March 12, 2018. The position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities
This is a 12-month position with tenure accruing in the SFRC, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. The assigned responsibilities will be 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 30% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences). This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. The faculty member will develop an internationally recognized, externally funded research program focused on silviculture, with an emphasis on intensively managed planted forests. The successful candidate will assist with leadership of the corporate-university Forest Biology Research Cooperative and promote innovation in silviculture. This faculty member is expected to collaborate with IFAS scientists and others who work to understand silviculture of planted forests in Florida and elsewhere. Teaching responsibilities include a required undergraduate course in silviculture, and graduate course(s) in their area of specialty. Teaching may include online education and/or team-teaching within the SFRC undergraduate curricula. The faculty member will also participate in graduate education by advising students, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, publishing results jointly with graduate students, and actively engage with students from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. The faculty member must be supportive of the Land-Grant system, as all IFAS faculty members are expected to be supportive of and engaged in all three mission areas—Research, Teaching and Extension—regardless of the assignment split specified in the position description. Extension opportunities exist through the Forest Biology Research Cooperative. The
faculty member must also have a commitment to the IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**Required Qualifications**
A doctorate degree (foreign equivalent acceptable) and research experience in silviculture or closely related discipline such as forest ecology, modeling, geospatial analysis, plant nutrition, genetics, and/or forest soils with demonstrated interest and expertise in intensively managed planted forests.

**Preferred Qualifications**
Postdoctoral experience is desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in publication of peer-reviewed research, verbal communication, interpersonal relationships, teamwork, engagement with diverse stakeholders, and procurement of extramural funding.

**Background Information:**
The School of Forest Resources and Conservation ([www.sfrc.ufl.edu](http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu)) has teaching, research, and extension education programs in three broad areas: Forest resources and conservation; Geomatics (surveying, mapping, remote sensing, GIS, and GPS); and Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. The SFRC has 50 faculty members, 70 affiliate, courtesy, and emeritus faculty, 250 graduate students, and 300 undergraduate students. The School offers bachelor’s degrees in Forest Resources and Conservation, Natural Resource Conservation, Geomatics, and Marine Sciences; thesis and non-thesis master’s degrees in all focus areas, including a number of innovative distance education master’s programs; and Ph.D. degrees in all focus areas. The SFRC is committed to serving a diversity of stakeholders, including historically under-served communities throughout Florida, and beyond.

The University of Florida ([http://www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu)) is a Land-Grant, Sea-Grant, and Space-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 53,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences ([http://ifas.ufl.edu](http://ifas.ufl.edu)) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences ([http://cals.ufl.edu](http://cals.ufl.edu)), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station ([http://research.ifas.ufl.edu](http://research.ifas.ufl.edu)), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service ([http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu](http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu)), the College of Veterinary Medicine ([http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu](http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu)), the Florida Sea Grant program ([http://www.flseagrant.org/](http://www.flseagrant.org/)), and encompasses 16 on-campus academic departments and schools, 12 Research and Educational Centers (REC) located throughout the state, 6 Research sites/demonstration units administered by RECs or academic departments, and Florida Cooperative Extension Service offices in all 67 counties (counties operate and maintain). The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 2500 people, which includes approximately 900 faculty and 1200 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, one of the nation’s largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean for the College of
Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

**Employment Conditions**
This position is available May 1, 2018 and will be filled as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is available. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

**Nominations and Inquiries**
Nominations and inquiries are welcome. Nominations should include the complete name and address of the nominee. Nominations and inquiries should be directed to:

Please refer to Requisition # 506194
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**Application Information**
- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to http://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/cw/en-us/job/506194 and submit:
  - Application
  - Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position, technical qualifications, including research and teaching experience, and experience connecting with students and stakeholders from diverse populations.
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Unofficial transcripts showing all college coursework, and
  - Names and contact information for four references.

Final candidate will be required to provide official transcripts to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered “official” if a designation of “Issued to Student” is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), which can be found at http://www.naces.org/.

*The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The selection process will be conducted in accord with the provisions of Florida’s ‘Government in the Sunshine’ and Public Records Laws. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.*