

Extension Assistant Professor in Forestry

POSITION: The Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources (RSENr) and the University of Vermont Extension Program invite applications for a full-time, 12-month, non-tenure track Extension Assistant Professor in forestry.

We seek a person with excellent leadership and communication skills to advance initiatives that promote working landscapes, sustainable forest management, and integrated and diversified systems of forest uses, opportunities and products. The successful candidate will work with forest owners, consultants, scientists, industry groups, state forestry personnel, and citizens to support the analysis, adoption, implementation and evaluation of forestry initiatives aimed at enhancing the long-term ecological and economic sustainability of Vermont's forests. Specific training and skills in one or more of the following topical areas is desirable: green forest practices and certification; forest bio-energy resources; forests and carbon markets; climate change; ecosystem services; conservation biology and planning; forests as settings for tourism and recreation; linkages between forests and agricultural systems; invasive species; or analytic approaches to decision-making related to multiple objectives of forests.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful candidate will contribute to the extension mission of the University of Vermont and RSENr by: working with diverse stakeholders across the state to identify and prioritize their needs for forest-related applied research and technical support; articulating strategies and partnership opportunities to deliver support and new knowledge; developing pilot projects, demonstrations, research studies, educational materials, consultations and outreach events that engage stakeholders in acquiring and using new knowledge; seeking extramural funding to develop and expand outreach efforts and to support a vibrant program related to sustaining forests in the working landscape of Vermont; and documenting and reporting the measurable impacts of the extension programs that are developed and delivered.

The successful candidate will be expected to be an active contributor to the food systems and other transdisciplinary foci of the University (<http://www.uvm.edu/~tri/>) through regular and collaborative association with Extension faculty across the state and with faculty colleagues located across the schools and colleges at UVM. A commitment to promoting ethnic and gender diversity and equity in the field is expected and should be addressed in the application.

This position is an 80% base-funded position with full benefits. The remaining 20% of salary may be obtained through grants and contracts with prior approval. Extension faculty members are expected to secure external funds to enhance their program efforts, and to meet the academic requirements of reappointment. Limited and occasional lecturing opportunities may be available in the RSENr forestry program.

QUALIFICATIONS: A Ph.D. in forestry, forest ecology, forest management, or a closely related field is required; demonstrated experience and interest in addressing applied forestry issues; strong written and oral communication skills; strong project management

skills; and the ability to work congenially with colleagues and publics toward a common goal. A strong commitment to meeting the Land Grant mission of extending knowledge and research to the people of the state and thereby contributing to the sustainable and long-term social and economic development of communities is required.

APPLICATION: Applications should be filed at www.uvmjobs.com. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references. Review of applications will begin on March 1, 2012 and will continue until the position is filled. We anticipate a start date of September 2012. Inquiries may be directed to Dr. Patricia A. Stokowski, Chair, Extension Assistant Professor of Forestry (Patricia.Stokowski@uvm.edu, or 802-656-3093).

SETTING: The University of Vermont is located in Burlington, situated between the Green and Adirondack Mountains, and on the shores of Lake Champlain. The Rubenstein School has about 40 faculty members, 600 undergraduates, and 125 graduate students in both Master's and Ph.D. programs. We encourage applicants to review our web site at <http://www.uvm.edu/rsenr/> prior to applying. Founded in 1791, UVM is ranked as one of the top research-based public universities in America, and Burlington is also rated as one of the most livable small cities in the country. The area is rich in cultural and recreational activities for individuals and families. The University of Vermont is an equal opportunity employer and we strongly encourage applications from candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community.