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Position Announcement

Faculty Position in Forest Finance

POSITION: The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources (Warnell) at the University of Georgia (UGA) invites applicants for a 9-month, tenure-track faculty position in Forest Finance. The position is open at the ranks of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor with expected research (60%), teaching (33%), and professional service (7%) responsibilities. We seek candidates who are committed to developing or have already established a nationally and internationally recognized research and teaching program in forest finance and/or closely related areas.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The successful candidate will use quantitative methods to evaluate issues associated with financial and risk management decisions of forest managers, forest businesses, and institutional investors, and provide them with research-based analysis and information.
- The candidate's research may include financial returns and risks of forest and forestland investment, forestland as an asset class in portfolio management, forest products market and trade analysis, and/or financial effects of forest-related policy on forest management decisions. Additionally, the successful candidate is expected to identify research needs and advance knowledge in forest finance as forest or environmental product markets develop.
- The candidate will teach graduate courses including: 1) Timberland Accounting, Finance, and Taxation, and 2) Forest Finance Decisions. Advising of undergraduate students and establishing and supporting an active graduate research program in forest finance are also expected. Collaboration with faculty in the Harley Langdale Jr. Center for Forest Business and leadership in the Master of Forest Resources (MFR) degree in Forest Business program is expected.
- The candidate will secure external funding for research, successfully mentor graduate students, and publish research results in peer-reviewed journals. Active professional service relates to scientific societies, the peer review process, and service on Warnell and UGA committees.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required:

- Ph.D. in forest economics (prior to appointment), or a related field with a focus on financial decision-making relevant to the forest industry and timberland investors (ABD applications accepted).

Preferred:

- Evidence of and demonstrated strengths in oral and written communication.
- A strong analytical background and quantitative skills to support management decision-making in forest finance.
- Demonstrated multidisciplinary collaborative work, with expectations for similar continued efforts with faculty in Warnell and across the University.

- Evidence of a commitment to teaching excellence.
- Evidence of success in research design, grant development, presentation of results at scientific meetings and publication of results in leading peer-reviewed journals.
- Preference will be given to candidates with at least one degree in forestry from a program accredited by the Society of American Foresters or professional work history in the forestry sector.

APPOINTMENT AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OR PROFESSOR: Candidates seeking appointment with tenure at these ranks should have a research and publication record in forest finance related topics that is commensurate with career stage. To be eligible for tenure upon appointment, candidates must have been tenured at a prior institution and bring a demonstrably national reputation to the institution. Candidates must be approved for tenure upon appointment before hire.

The successful candidate who has met the criteria for tenure and the rank of Associate Professor or Professor will be nominated to hold the endowed Hargreaves Professor of Forest Finance, subject to approval by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

THE STATE & UNIVERSITY: Georgia is well-known for its quality of life, both in terms of outdoor and urban activities (www.georgia.gov). UGA (www.uga.edu) is a land/sea/space grant institution comprised of 18 schools and colleges. Athens (www.visitathensga.com) is a diverse community of approximately 150,000 people located 65 miles from Atlanta. UGA enrolls about 40,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Warnell is a professional school with 69 faculty, 100 support staff, 250 undergraduates, and 225 graduate students (www.warnell.uga.edu). The School offers Bachelor of Science, Master of Forest Resources, Master of Natural Resources, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in the areas of Forestry, Fisheries & Wildlife, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, and Natural Resource Management & Sustainability. The school manages approximately 20,000 acres of forestland across the state in support of its teaching, outreach, and research missions. The Harley Langdale Jr. Center for Forest Business (<https://warnell.uga.edu/about/centers-labs/harley-langdale-jr-center-forest-business>) is well-known for its Master's graduate program in forest business with successful alumni employed globally. The center biennially hosts the UGA Timberland Investment Conference which draws attendees from around the world (<http://www.ugacfb.com/2023-timberland-investment-conference/>). The candidate may also seek collaborative teaching and research opportunities with the UGA Terry College of Business (<https://www.terry.uga.edu/>), widely known for award winning undergraduate and graduate programs.

APPLICATION: Review of applications will begin on **March 20, 2023**. All applicants **MUST** apply online through UGAJobs (<https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/302400>). Candidates must submit a cover letter, CV, one-page statements of both teaching and research interests, unofficial transcripts of all college-level work, and names and contact information for three references. University policy requires all candidates to consent to and authorize a background investigation (www.hr.uga.edu). A background investigation and request of official transcripts will be conducted on a post-offer/pre-employment basis only. The preferred starting date is negotiable but no later than August 1, 2023, is desired. For additional information contact the co-chairs of the search committee, Dr. Chad Bolding (bolding@uga.edu), or Dr. Yanshu Li (Yanshu.li@uga.edu).

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