



NAUFRP

National Association of University Forest Resources Programs

Creating Knowledge—Developing Leaders

U.S. forests currently cover nearly 750 million acres, which is roughly the same areal coverage observed in the 1920s. We must continue to invest in sustainable forestry and natural resource education, outreach, and research so that we are positioned competitively in the global marketplace and so that our forests can continue to provide invaluable ecosystem services to society. **The National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP) is a partnership representing scientists, educators, and extension professionals in Forestry programs across 80 of our nation's most prestigious universities.** NAUFRP (in cooperation with the National Association of University Fish and Wildlife Programs) advocates at the national level for funding and policies that support forestry and natural resource faculty and students at our Land-Grant Universities. This includes universities created by the Morrill Act of 1882; the second Morrill Act of 1890 that created Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 that added Tribal Colleges and Universities; and Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities.

NAUFRP's vision is to provide for a national, long-term investment to grow and protect the quantity and quality of our forests and the economic and environmental benefits they offer.

NAUFRP's purpose is to advance the health, productivity, and sustainability of America's forest resources through university-based education, research, extension, and international programs.

NAUFRP Member Institutions

- Include all U.S. universities that offer professional forestry degrees or conduct research in forestry and natural resources supported by the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Program.
- Provide the most reliable, unbiased, and innovative research on forest resource ecology, management, utilization, and policy.
- Adapt undergraduate and graduate curricula to meet future forest resource stewardship needs and play a role in preparing the next generation of forestry and natural resources professional leaders.
- Are committed to cultural diversity and inclusion to ensure that the forestry resources workforce reflects the diversity of our nation's people and values.
- Partner with a diverse collection of private companies, landowners, conservation organizations, and federal, state, and local governments.

NAUFRP Membership Benefits

- Representation in Washington, D.C. for all matters related to forest resources research funding, including McIntire-Stennis and the Agricultural Food and Research Initiative.
- Access to national level forest resources stakeholders, including the USDA Forest Service research leadership team, the National Association of State Foresters, and the National Alliance of Forest Owners.
- Opportunities to meet with key Congressional Committees and national program leaders at USDA and NSF.
- Active seat at the table in organizations advocating for forest resources research and extension, including APLU's Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Budget and Advocacy Committee, the Forest Research Advisory Council, the Forests in the Farm Bill Coalition, and the Forest Carbon Working Group.
- Access to a database on enrollment trends and faculty salaries across forest resources university programs.
- Access to information on active McIntire-Stennis research projects at partner institutions.
- NAUFRP-hosted workshops and webinars on opportunities and challenges facing forest resources university programs and faculty.

NAUFRP Structure

- Communications Committee – chaired by Todd Petty (**Clemson University**) – Coordinate NAUFRP communications among member institutions and between NAUFRP and external stakeholders.
- Diversity Committee – chaired by Zhu Hua Ning (**Southern University**) – Coordinate efforts among member institutions to increase the number of women and students from under-represented groups who complete degrees in forestry/natural resources and enter the workforce.
- Education Committee – chaired by Andrew Storer (**Michigan Technological University**) – Works closely with the Society of American Foresters to create and revise forestry and natural resources curricula.
- Extension Committee – chaired by Jeff Stringer (**University of Kentucky**) – Promote forestry/natural resources extension and outreach activities that are occurring at member institutions.
- International Committee – chaired by Don Hodges (**University of Tennessee**) – Strengthen connections between NAUFRP member institutions and international forestry/natural resources organizations.
- Policy Committee – chaired by Myron Floyd (**North Carolina State University**) – Provide NAUFRP representation on national issues related to forestry/natural resources legislation and appropriations.
- Research Committee – currently open – Provide national level leadership on research priorities and advocating for expanding forestry/natural resources research funding for member institutions.
- Regional Sections – Each section coordinates communication and activities among regional institutions.
 - *North Central* – chaired by Rich Kobe (**Michigan State University**)
 - *Northeastern* – chaired by Bill Hubbard (**University of Maryland**)
 - *Southern* – chaired by Michael Blazier (**University of Arkansas, Monticello**)
 - *Western* – chaired by Charles Goebel (**University of Idaho**)

Recent Accomplishments

- Increased annual appropriation in FY 2023 for McIntire-Stennis Funding.
- Organized a successful National Forest Research Summit with SAF and the US Endowment for Forestry.
- Reinstated an annual forum between NAUFRP representatives and the US Forest Research Station leaders.
- Provided NAUFRP input into advocacy documents of APLU's Budget and Advocacy Committee, Forest in the Farm Bill, and the Forest Carbon Working Group.
- Strengthened working relationships with SAF leadership on accreditation and enhanced student participation.
- Established relationships with new program managers at USDA-NIFA and assisted NIFA with identifying peer-review panelists from NAUFRP member faculty.

Call to Action

- Renew or newly activate your university as a NAUFRP member institution.
- Participate in NAUFRP workshops, webinars, and regional meetings.
- Volunteer to serve on a NAUFRP working committee or within a regional section.
- Volunteer to be included as a potential peer-review panelist for USDA-NIFA competitive grant programs.
- Develop one-page descriptions of your projects funded by McIntire-Stennis and share with NAUFRP for promoting the importance of McIntire-Stennis funding to the nation's forest resources.
- Attend the NAUFRP General Assembly meeting at the SAF Annual Meeting.

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