

## **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 on research topics broadly focused in silviculture and/or stand dynamics.

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), onetime award (\$2500), tuition waiver and insurance. The ideal start date is August 2020 or January 2021 depending on the applicant.

### **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.
- Interest or experience in programming languages such as R and/or python.

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/>.

Interested candidates should contact Dr. Adam Polinko by emailing a letter of interest, your CV, undergraduate transcripts, and contact information for two 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.

### **Contact Information:**

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