

Forest Business Studies in the Southeast USA

College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Arkansas at Monticello

The Arkansas Center for Forest Business (ACFB) at the College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Arkansas at Monticello is now accepting applications for a M.S. research assistantship beginning July 1, 2023. The assistantship is half time and carries an annual stipend of \$18,000 plus tuition and fees.

Project: An assistantship is available for a self-motivated M.S. graduate student in the area of forest business studies. The assistantship is available for 24 months beginning in the Fall of 2023. The student will work on a research project in forest economics, management, and policy. Topics include, but are not limited to 1) Economic and life cycle analysis of forest carbon in the bottomland hardwood forest region, 2) survey with consulting foresters about forest management and 3) factors associated with the establishment of forest industries.

Candidates with experience in forest/natural resource economics, policy, or management are highly desirable. It is expected that the applicant will have an undergraduate (BS) in forestry, forest science, or natural resource management. Familiarity with GIS and R is also sought. This research project requires strong quantitative and analytical skills and excellent written and verbal communication skills. Overnight travel and outdoor work under various climates might be needed.

Requirements: Applicants must have a 2.7 overall undergraduate GPA or 3.0 GPA in the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate courses and satisfactory GRE scores. A B.S. degree in a natural resources-related field is also required. Applicants must have a valid U.S. driver's license or obtain the same within 60 days of starting employment. Overnight travel is required as well as the ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

Location and Facilities: The College of Forestry, Agriculture & Natural Resources is located in Monticello, Arkansas in the southeastern portion of the state. The Arkansas Center for Forest Business is headquartered here, and is administered by the University of Arkansas at Monticello. The Arkansas Forest Resources Center is also headquartered here, and is administered by the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. The Arkansas Forest Resources Center is the research and extension arm for forest-based programs within the State. Additionally, the USFS Arkansas Forestry Sciences Lab is located at the School. The School and Center maintain several state-of-the-art laboratories (hydrology, soil, quantitative analysis, silviculture, wildlife ecology & management) available for graduate research and education.

Application & Additional Information: Graduate program information can be found at <https://www.uamont.edu/academics/CFANR/grad-degrees.html>. Applicants must apply to the College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources at <https://cfanr.embark.com/apply/graduateschool2023>. You will be required to submit application information, GRE scores, unofficial transcripts, a statement of interest, and three references. Applicants must be admitted to the University of Arkansas at Monticello and apply to the College of Forestry, Agriculture & Natural Resources before they can be considered for an assistantship. For application assistance, contact Rhonda Parris at parris@uamont.edu. For position information, contact Dr. Sagar Chhetri, chhetri@uamont.edu 870/460-1294.