

Graduate Research Assistantship Position Available in the Department of Forestry at Mississippi State University

The Forest Ecology Lab (<https://www.schulzforestecolab.com>) in the Department of Forestry at Mississippi State University is seeking applicants for one funded M.S. assistantship. The successful applicant will be working with Dr. Ashley Schulz on research broadly focused on forest ecology, forest health, restoration ecology, fire ecology, and/or hardwood or pine management in the southeastern United States.

Qualifications: This position requires an individual who is: 1) self-motivated and can work independently or collaboratively; 2) has a strong desire and passion to learn about the ecology and management of forests, forest disturbance ecology, forest restoration, etc.; 3) has attained [or will attain by December 31, 2021] a bachelor's degree in forestry, ecology, environmental science, natural resource management, or a related field from an accredited university; 4) meets all admissions requirements to the Master of Science program in the Department of Forestry at Mississippi State University (<http://catalog.msstate.edu/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/forest-resources/forestry/>); and 5) has demonstrated proficiency communicating in English. Prior experience or interest in contributing to field- and/or lab-based research is desired.

Salary and Benefits: Master's level graduate research assistantships include an annual stipend of \$15,000, a full tuition waiver, and reimbursement of medical insurance costs. Assistantships may require a mixture of research and teaching duties.

How to apply: Interested candidates should e-mail a letter of interest with career goals, updated CV or résumé, unofficial undergraduate transcripts, and contact information for two references to Dr. Ashley Schulz (ash.schulz@msstate.edu). For full consideration, please send materials by October 29, 2021. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The selected candidate will be required to submit a full application to the Graduate School at Mississippi State University for an official offer to be made. This position will begin in Spring 2022 (January 18th).

Mississippi State University is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, ethnicity, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, pregnancy, gender identity, status as a U.S. veteran, and/or any other status protected by applicable 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.

Mississippi State University is a land grant university located in Starkville, MS. You can learn more about Starkville and the Department of Forestry by visiting these links: <https://www.starkville.org/visit/>; <https://www.cfr.msstate.edu/forestry/index.asp>