

University of Kentucky Position Announcement for the Chair, Department of Forestry

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will provide direction and leadership for the College of Agriculture's Department of Forestry, whose vision is to be widely recognized for improving the condition of human and biotic communities through learning, discovery, and outreach activities relating to forests and natural resources. The Chair will facilitate the Department's efforts to enhance and develop national prominence in research and graduate education, as well as address a broader range of biodiversity conservation, environmental and natural resource issues. The Department Chair will also provide leadership for its Society of American Foresters accredited Forestry undergraduate program as the Department implements its newly enhanced core forestry curriculum. The Chair serves as the chief academic officer, administrator and program leader for the Department of Forestry, reporting directly to the Dean of the College of Agriculture. Responsibilities include recruitment, mentoring and evaluation of faculty, management of budget and departmental resources, and interaction with external constituencies.

Qualifications: Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in Forestry or a related discipline and have demonstrated ability to develop and implement a vision for the departmental mission, as well as possess the ability to lead excellent teaching, research, and extension programs. Demonstrated ability to support nationally prominent research and graduate education is a key qualification. Candidates must have a clear understanding of the land-grant university mission and a broad vision for the Department's role within the system. Administrative experience and/or evidence of potential for effective administration and a national reputation for excellent scholarship from an academic or other research institution is required. The search committee is especially interested in candidates who, through their leadership, organizational and inter-personal skills will contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community. Applicants should also meet qualifications for immediate tenure in the Department and rank of full professor.

Department: The Department of Forestry currently has 16 full-time faculty positions (including two open faculty positions) and eight research or extension specialists who contribute to active and wide-ranging research and extension programs. The Department faculty share leadership and teaching responsibility for an interdisciplinary undergraduate program in Natural Resources and Conservation Management in the College of Agriculture. The Department also has significant off campus resources available to support its mission including the nationally recognized Wood Utilization Center and Robinson Forest, both located at the Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability in eastern Kentucky. For information about the Department of Forestry and the University of Kentucky, see <http://www.ca.uky.edu/forestry/> and <http://www.uky.edu/>. For information about living in Lexington, see <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/>.

Salary: Salary is negotiable. Benefits and salary are competitive with other leading land grant universities.

Nominations and Application Deadline:

Nominations are encouraged. Applications will be accepted through **September 30, 2009** or until a suitable candidate is found. To apply for job # 50107583, go to www.uky.edu/ukjobs. If you have any questions, contact HR/Employment, phone (859) 257-9555 press 2 or email ukjobs@email.uky.edu. Upon offer of employment, successful applicants for certain positions must undergo a national background check as required by University of Kentucky Human Resources. Questions about the position should be directed to Dr. Lynn Robbins, search committee chair, lrobbins@uky.edu.

The University of Kentucky is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from minorities and women.