**PhD Graduate Research Assistantship in Forest Management and Economics**

**Job Description:**

One graduate research assistantship for the Ph.D. in Forest Management and Economics is available in the Department of Forestry at Mississippi State University. The assistantship will include stipend, 100% tuition waiver, and reimbursement for cost of student health insurance policy. The successful candidate will work on research related to timber market in the US South, with specific focus on timber price trends and supply models.

The expected start date is Spring Semester (January) of 2021.

**Qualifications:**

Candidates for this position must have a master’s degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Forest Economics, Statistics, or related field with strong knowledge in Econometric. Excellent written and oral communication skills are expected. Some programming experience using statistical software (e.g., R or Python) and proficiency in GIS would be preferred.

**To Apply**:

In order to be considered for this position, the following application materials must be submitted:

1. A letter of interest (1 page maximum)
2. Resume/CV,
3. Unofficial transcripts (undergraduate and graduate)
4. GRE scores,
5. Names and contact information of three references

Please send the package as a single PDF file to Dr. Silva and Dr. Tanger at [bruno.silva@msstate.edu](mailto:bruno.silva@msstate.edu) and [smt489@msstate.edu](mailto:smt489@msstate.edu). Review of the applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. A full application to the Graduate School will be required for an official offer to be made.

Additional information can be found at the MSU Department of Forestry website (<https://www.cfr.msstate.edu/forestry/graduate.asp>) and the MSU Office of Graduate School (<http://www.grad.msstate.edu/>).

**About the MSU Graduate Forestry Program:**

MSU’s department of forestry is unique in terms of its economics expertise and capacity. We currently have seven faculty with forestry economics backgrounds and three more that work extensively with those seven on problems related to forest management and economics. This group is also responsible for the administration of the International Society of Forest Resource Economics Annual Meeting and the committee is comprised of a rotating list of the faculty mentioned above.

MSU 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.