

Research Assistant II/III – Associate I/II

Position Summary: **This is a 2 year limited term appointment funded by extramural funds.** Continuation of employment is contingent upon receiving additional funds.** Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences invites applications for the position of Research Assistant II/III – Associate I/II. This position is committed to 100% research associated with the Auburn University Forest Health Cooperative and will coordinate the research of one faculty member and multiple graduate students.

Responsibilities: Coordination may involve active field research participation as well as logistics, data management and analysis. The Forest Health Co-op's mission will be to address important, current and pertinent forest health issues in a way that addresses real world management problems in the Southeastern United States. Essential functions include, but are not limited to: an ongoing research and technology transfer program involving industry, state, and private forest land owners; engage actively in research, collection and analysis of data, development of experimental designs and/or protocols that address Co-op priorities. The incumbent will participate in writing research reports, technical notes and newsletter articles for Forest Health Co-op Members. Will participate in presentations at Forest Health Co-op meetings and at regional or national meetings of relevance. Will be required to travel to field sites across the Southeastern U.S. to install experiments, collect data and serve as a liaison with Forest Health Co-op Members in a limited diagnostic capacity. The candidate must have the ability to work in strenuous field conditions.

Minimum Qualifications: Designation as a Research Assistant requires a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in Forest Pathology, Forest Entomology, or Forestry and two years experience in forest health issues and field research. Designation as a Research Associate requires a Master's Degree from an accredited institution in the subject areas listed above or closely related field with an emphasis on forest health and protection. Employer will consider advanced degrees in lieu of experience. A valid driver's license is required.

Desired Qualifications: A background in forest entomology, forest pathology or forest health is desired. The following are also desired: familiarity with data set management and analytical methods; experience with forestry, pathological and entomological experimentation and monitoring; a strong understanding of the interactions of forest health, insects and diseases that affect tree health; an understanding of silviculture; good knowledge of Southeastern US forestry practices along with background in entomology/pathology; be able to work independently or as a team leader; and able to perform a variety of field sampling techniques, manage data sets, coordinate multiple tasks, and supervise hourly student employees.

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Review Date: 11-30-2011

The "Review Date" indicates the date after which the hiring department will begin reviewing applications of qualified candidates. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience.

Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

Refer to the above Requisition # and apply on-line at: www.auemployment.com on any computer with Internet access. If you need any assistance, contact Auburn University's Department of Human Resources at (334) 844-4145 or your local state employment service office. Internet Access is also available through your public library.

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