

Vacancy Announcement

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FOREST ECOLOGY

Department of Forest Management, College of Forestry and Conservation, The University of Montana
Nine-month, full-time, tenure-track faculty appointment beginning as early as Fall 2009.

Position Responsibilities

- Develop a nationally recognized and externally-funded research program that addresses key issues in the ecology and management of forest ecosystems in the Interior West.
- Teach applied and basic forest ecology, including a junior-level course in forest ecology and upper division or graduate course(s) in area of expertise.
- Participate in collaborative, interdisciplinary research and teaching projects with other faculty in the Forest Management Department, the Applied Forest Management Program, and across the College.
- Advise undergraduate students, and recruit and mentor graduate students at M.S. and Ph.D. levels.
- Fulfill appropriate service roles within the Department, the College, the University, and professional groups and associations.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications prior to employment:

- Ph.D. in forest ecology, forestry, or closely related natural resources field.
- Depth of knowledge in forest dynamics, plant community ecology, disturbance ecology, & field botany.

Preferred qualifications include:

- Experience or interest in the ecology of forests and grasslands of the Inland West
- Demonstrated ability to develop and manage a vigorous field-oriented research program in applied forest ecology, including record of publication and professional presentation.
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching at the university level in an appropriate discipline, and incorporating field-based instruction.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with foresters and natural resource professionals, private landowners, fellow scientists and the general public.
- Formal coursework or experience in several of the following subjects: plant physiology, forest ecosystem ecology, fire ecology, and forest soils.
- Practical work experience in forestry and/or ecology.
- Expressed interest in collaborating on interdisciplinary research projects that involve both ecological and social dimensions of the conservation of rural landscapes.
- Demonstrated potential to become a regional and national authority on the ecological foundations of sustainable forest management in the Inland West.
- International experience in forest ecology.

The Community and Resources

National and state forests, parks, wildlife refuges, and wilderness areas surround Missoula, a city of approximately 65,000 people. Scientists and students also have access to the College's Lubrecht Experimental Forest and Bandy Experimental Ranch, the Flathead Lake Biological Station, the Boone and Crockett Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch, and the Bair Ranch properties.

Application Information

Screening of complete applications will begin Wednesday, October 1, 2008 and continue until a suitable candidate is appointed. A complete application will include statements of teaching and research interests, curriculum vitae, reprints of up to 3 recent publications, academic transcripts (copies acceptable), and the names and addresses of three referees. All application materials should be sent to: Dr. Christopher Keyes, Search Committee Chair, Department of Forest Management, University of Montana, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812. Questions may be directed to Dr. Keyes at christopher.keyes@umontana.edu. *No fax or email applications will be accepted.*

The University of Montana is an equal opportunity / affirmative action employer and encourages applications from minorities, women, individuals with disabilities and veterans. The University of Montana is the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award focused on the status of women in science. Qualified applicants can request veterans' preference in accordance with State law. This position announcement can be made available in alternative formats on request.