MICHIGAN STATE
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Assistant Professor / Instructor

Fixed-Term Position Announcement

Department of Forestry, Michigan State University

Position description: The Department of Forestry at Michigan State University invites applications for a full-time, 12 month non-tenure track Assistant Professor (Ph.D.) or Instructor (M.S.) position focused on teaching and curriculum development (80-100%). Opportunities to engage in research on teaching, or other areas relevant to forestry, will be available to the successful candidate (up to 20%).

For this position, we seek candidates who will contribute to the dynamic learning environment in the Department of Forestry. The successful candidate should have evidence of outstanding teaching skills in diverse formats, including both large and small classroom settings, lab and field settings, and on-line. Preferred candidates will demonstrate experience using innovative approaches to engage students and to determine, measure, and achieve learning outcomes. The successful candidate will be expected to teach 5-8 classes per year, including 5 sections of face-to-face and on-line versions of Introduction to Forestry (FOR 202) and Michigan's Forests (FOR 101), for which curricula have been developed and are available. While the position's focus is on teaching introductory courses, the successful candidate may teach and/or develop additional forestry courses, depending on the candidate's area of expertise and Department needs. Courses could be taught infield, on-line, or face-to-face classroom formats. MSU has many mechanisms in place to support innovation in teaching and curriculum development.

Required qualifications: An earned Ph.D. (for Assistant Professor rank) or an M.S. (for Instructor rank) in forestry, natural resources, environmental science, or a closely related field. A record of outstanding teaching, experience in course development, and a strong commitment to student success.

Desired qualifications: Experience in on-line and field-based teaching and disciplinary-based education research.

Location: The position will be based at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI, USA. Formally established in 1902, Michigan State's Department of Forestry was among the first undergraduate forestry programs in the U.S. The Department is a vibrant, growing, internationally-recognized unit firmly committed to interdisciplinary education, research, and extension to understand and resolve environmental and natural resource issues.

MSU enjoys a park-like campus with outlying research facilities and natural areas. The campus is located in the city of East Lansing, adjacent to the capital city of Lansing. The Lansing metropolitan area has a diverse population of approximately 450,000. Local communities have excellent school

systems and place a high value on education. The University is proactive about its obligations under the ADA, and provides individual accessibility plans to students and employees with disabilities. Michigan State University is also proactive in exploring opportunities for employment for dual career families, both inside and outside the University, and respects all family forms. Information about MSU's dual career support can be found at http://miwin.msu.edu/. Information about WorkLife at MSU can be found at http://worklife.msu.edu/ The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University is committed to achieving excellence by creating and sustaining an accessible and inclusive culture that values cultural and academic diversity. We are an equal opportunity / affirmative action employer. The CANR is particularly interested in candidates of all backgrounds who are committed to the principle that academic excellence is achieved through open access and proactive inclusion.

To Apply: For consideration, submit your application online at http://careers.msu.edu to job number 461300. Upload the following required documents: a) letter of interest that includes qualifications for the position; b) current curriculum vitae; c) statement of teaching philosophy that highlights your experience alignment with our desired qualifications (2-page maximum); d) teaching portfolio (syllabi, teaching evaluations, examples of teaching activities); e) summary of your experience supporting diversity in the classroom and / or in your research endeavors, experience mentoring students, especially from underrepresented groups, and a description of how you will contribute to our goals of inclusive excellence; and f) contact information for three professional references. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application deadline: The search committee will begin reviewing applications on October 1, 2017, and continue until a suitable candidate is selected. The position is targeted to begin on January 1, 2018. The position is expected to continue to be renewed annually for at least three years, contingent upon successful performance and continued funding. Questions regarding this position can be addressed to the Search Committee Chair: Prof. David W. MacFarlane, Director of Undergraduate Studies & Forest Measurements and Modeling Laboratory, Department of Forestry, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824, USA, phone: 1-517-355-2399, macfar24@msu.edu.