

Post-doctoral Scholar Position in Natural Resource Social Science at Purdue University

We are seeking one post-doctoral scholar to conduct human dimensions research related to absentee landownership and other management issues within the context of private forests in the U.S. This position will be a 2-year appointment at a salary of \$45,000, plus benefits and a discretionary fund of \$5,000/year provided by the department in addition to any research funds provided by mentors. Requirements for the position include a Ph.D. in natural resource social science or related discipline, evidence of initiative, independence, and productivity, and familiarity with both qualitative and quantitative research methods. Knowledge of forest ecology and GIS is a plus. The position is open to U.S. and non-U.S. citizens.

Qualified applicants will enter the annual competition for Post-doctoral Natural Resource Scholars Program in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University. Purdue's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources has a broad environmental scope with nationally ranked doctoral programs, emphasizing interdisciplinary approaches across a spectrum of research areas including ecology, genetics, forest biology, forest measurement and assessment/GIS, wood products, wildlife, fisheries and aquatic sciences, and natural resources social science. Departmental faculty members actively participate in interdisciplinary initiatives including the Center for Advanced Manufacturing, Center for the Environment, Purdue Water Community, Purdue Interdisciplinary Center for Ecological Sustainability, Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center, Center for Global Soundscapes, Center for Regional Development, Purdue Climate Change Research Center, Natural Resources Development Institute.

Application Process:

Before applying, interested individuals should contact Dr. Zhao Ma (zhaoma@purdue.edu) and Dr. Charles Michler (michler@purdue.edu) to discuss project ideas, who will serve as co-mentors to the selected post-doctoral scholar.

After discussing with Dr. Ma and Dr. Michler, interested individuals should proceed with the application process by submitting a) indication that Dr. Ma and Dr. Michler have agreed to serve as co-mentors for the proposed project, b) a curriculum vitae, c) a proposal describing the work to be undertaken, d) two letters of reference, and e) a 1-page statement of support from Dr. Ma and Dr. Michler. Materials should be submitted as pdf files via email to mmann@purdue.edu with the subject line "Application: Postdoc Scholars in Natural Resources." Letter writers should submit their recommendations directly using the email address above. The deadline for receiving completed applications is October 15, 2014.

The proposal should identify the issue(s) to be addressed, summarize the current level of knowledge as it relates to the issue(s), describe the objective(s) of the proposed work, provide the study design and methods used to meet the objective(s), explain expected results and deliverables, and highlight their scientific and broader significance. The proposal is limited to a 300-word summary page and three (3) single-spaced pages, not including references, using one-inch margins and a minimum 11 point standard font.

Applications will be judged on overall quality including prior performance, support letters, and the scientific and technical merit and feasibility of the proposal.

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