

Graduate Research Assistantship, Fire Ecology

A Master of Science graduate assistantship is available with Dr. Michael Stambaugh in the Department of Forestry (<http://www.snr.missouri.edu/forestry/>) at University of Missouri. In the theme of oak woodland restoration and management, this project will investigate the effects of different treatments on forest community vegetation composition and structure. This work, funded by the U.S. Forest Service, will be conducted over 2.5 years and take place at 2 to 3 sites in southeastern Kansas. The duties of this position will include pre- and post-treatment vegetation sampling and data analysis. Emphasis will be placed on treatment effects on oak regeneration, growth, and survival. Completion of coursework, a thesis project, and peer-reviewed publication(s) are also required. Competitive candidates for this position will have a B.S. degree in forestry or a closely related discipline, proficiency in written and oral communication, strong GRE scores, and evidence of scholastic success. Prior experience in field data collection is preferred, but not required. The position will be based in Columbia, MO, with two summers of field work in Kansas. The position begins in May 2015.

The successful candidate will receive tuition support and a competitive stipend. To apply, please submit the following to Dr. Michael Stambaugh (stambaughm@missouri.edu):

- 1) personal statement of career goals
- 2) resume or curriculum vitae
- 3) transcripts
- 4) GRE scores
- 5) contact information for three references

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a candidate is selected.

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