



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA

Warnell School of Forestry
& Natural Resources

FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant/Associate Professor –Tree Biology, Structure, and Health Care

POSITION: The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in tree biology, structure, and health care at the Assistant or Associate Professor level with a 70% outreach, 25% instruction, and 5% university and professional service appointment. Terms of the appointment as 9 or 12 month are negotiable. Successful candidates will be expected to collaborate with faculty in forestry, urban forestry, and water resources and help grow an emphasis in community forestry and arboriculture within the Warnell School. Individuals with expertise in the following academic areas relative to natural resources management in the urban context are encouraged to apply: urban forestry, arboriculture, horticulture, plant biology, tree biomechanics, plant breeding, plant health care, and ecology.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Outreach (i.e., extension) responsibilities include development of an externally funded, regionally / nationally recognized outreach program based on relevant, refereed literature and science-based information targeting professional and general audiences. Program areas may include, for example: tree health, tree biology and physiology, trees and climate change, assisting stakeholders with standard compliance, and identifying industry needs. Teaching duties include supporting the Community Forestry and Arboriculture program, including undergraduate and graduate student advising, and teaching two courses annually, including a technical arboriculture course and a course related to the candidate's expertise. Professional service includes serving on School/University committees and actively participating in professional/scientific societies. Applied research is expected to support teaching and outreach programs, and would broadly relate to tree biology and physiology of tree growth and maintenance. Research emphases could include tree biology, tree planting and pruning techniques, pest/tree dynamics and tree stress responses, and soil/tree relations as well as developing new methods for assessing tree health and structure, and developing prescriptions for treatments.

QUALIFICATIONS: Required qualifications include a Ph.D. degree prior to the starting date in forestry, natural resources, ecology, horticulture, biology, or a closely related field with expertise in the academic areas listed above.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Appointment to Associate Professor requires a record consistent with promotion to Associate Professor at the Warnell School such as strong evidence of emerging stature as a regional/national authority, acquiring and administering external funding, ability to produce and communicate research, and excellence in teaching and working with students. Service at the Associate Professor level for 1-2 years is preferred for this rank.

THE UNIVERSITY: The University of Georgia (www.uga.edu) is a land/sea/space grant institution comprised of 18 schools and colleges. Athens is a diverse community of approximately 150,000 people located less than 75 miles from Atlanta. UGA enrolls about 41,200 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. The Warnell School is a professional school with 68 faculty, 100 support staff, 265 undergraduates, and 240 graduate students (www.warnell.uga.edu). The School offers Bachelor of Science, Master of Forest Resources, Master of Natural Resources, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in the areas of Forestry; Fisheries & Wildlife; Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management; and Natural Resource Management & Sustainability. The school manages over 17,000 acres of forestland across the state in support of its teaching, outreach, and research missions.

APPLICATION: To ensure full consideration, please apply by September 15, 2024. Candidates must submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching, outreach, and research interests, unofficial transcripts of all college-level work, copies of up to three recent publications, and contact information for three references. Review of complete applications will begin on September 15, 2024 and continue until the position is filled. The candidate given an offer will be required to submit official college transcripts to ofatranscripts@uga.edu. Furthermore, University policy requires all candidates given an offer to consent to and authorize a background investigation (www.hr.uga.edu) by the University. The background investigation will be conducted on a post offer/pre-employment basis. The starting date of January 1, 2025 is preferred but negotiable. All applicants MUST apply online through the University of Georgia UGAJobs system (<https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/363253>). No paper applications will be accepted. For additional information, please contact Dr. Jason Gordon, Chair, COFA Search Committee (jason.gordon@uga.edu).

The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (hrweb@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.