

ASSISTANT COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SPECIALIST IN FOREST HEALTH

University of California, Berkeley

The Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management at the University of California, Berkeley seeks an Assistant Cooperative Extension Specialist (Fiscal Year) in Forest Health. The expected start date is July 1, 2015. The Forest Health Specialist will help create a collaborative, multidisciplinary and multifaceted research and outreach program with UC Cooperative Extension Advisors and Specialists; community partners; government/institutional groups; forestland owners and managers, and land management and advisory agencies with forestland responsibilities. The Specialist will investigate the linkages between policy and planning processes, and environmental outcomes on forests at multiple scales.

The completion of all Ph.D. (or equivalent) degree requirements except the dissertation is required at the time of application. The Ph.D. (or equivalent) degree is required by the start date. The successful candidate will have a doctoral degree (or equivalent) in a discipline related to forest health, including, but not limited to, forest science, entomology, disturbance ecology, or integrated pest management. Additional qualifications include demonstrated writing and public speaking skills to communicate to a diverse audience of professional and non-technical clientele, the ability to design and carry out high quality research in a discipline related to forest health, and the capacity to serve as a team member on interdisciplinary projects in forest health and ecosystem sustainability. The candidate should be able to work productively with diverse communities and stakeholders, and to build cross-disciplinary teams to meet the diverse challenges of the interaction of forest pests and diseases with fires, resource management, and public safety. Salary is commensurate with experience.

The Specialist will be expected to develop a nationally competitive research program and to obtain extramural grant funds. Meaningful engagement in University of California's Agriculture and Natural Resource's Strategic Initiatives and Program Teams is also essential for a successful program, see [http://ucanr.org/About ANR/Strategic Vision/](http://ucanr.org/About_ANR/Strategic_Vision/). The incumbent will be expected to qualify for licensing as a California Registered Professional Forester within three years following their fulfillment of the licensing prerequisites.

To apply, please go to the following link: <https://aprecruit.berkeley.edu/apply/JPF00587>. Applicants should submit the following required documents online: 1) a cover letter, 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) a statement of research and extension interests and experience, 4) a brief statement of past and/or potential contributions to diversity and inclusion, and 5) contact information for three referees who may be asked to submit a letter of recommendation. In addition, applicants are encouraged to submit pdf copies of up to three recent publications (optional). Each document should be submitted as a separate pdf file. Filenames should include the applicant's last and first names. Letters of reference will be requested as needed for committee deliberations. All letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. Please refer potential referees, including when letters are provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service or career center), to the UC Berkeley statement of confidentiality (<http://apo.berkeley.edu/evalltr.html>) prior to submitting their letters.

The initial review date is December 1, 2014. Applications received by this date will receive priority. To receive full consideration, please submit all materials prior to this date; however, this position will remain open until filled. Please direct questions to espm_recruit@berkeley.edu.

The department seeks candidates whose research and service has prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and inclusion in education and outreach. The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age or protected veteran status. For the complete University of California nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy see: <http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000376/NondiscrimAffirmAct>.