

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – FOREST PATHOLOGY
Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources – University of Georgia

POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month, tenure-track, 65% research, 35% teaching appointment offered at the rank of Assistant Professor. This position reports directly to the Dean of the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources (Warnell School). The successful candidate will be expected to develop an active research program based on extramural funding. Individuals with experience in fungal pathogens, introduced pathogens, genomic and genetic approaches, and field diagnosis and management of forest diseases are especially encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will be expected to teach dendrology and co-teach forest health and protection courses at the undergraduate level, and to develop a graduate level course in their area of expertise. The successful candidate also is expected to help further develop the Warnell School's Forest Biology program, advise/mentor undergraduate professional students, serve on Senior Project/Thesis advisory committees, direct/mentor graduate students, serve on School/University committees, and actively participate in professional /scientific societies.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have a Ph.D. degree, at least one degree in forestry, natural resources, or a related field, and doctoral or post-doctoral work in forest pathology or plant pathology. Evidence of research productivity and the potential to attract external research funding is required. The person must also demonstrate an ability and willingness to teach undergraduate and graduate courses, and be able to successfully mentor students.

THE STATE & UNIVERSITY: Georgia is well-known for its quality of life, both in terms of outdoor and urban activities (www.georgia.gov). The University of Georgia (www.uga.edu) is a land/sea grant institution comprised of 16 schools and colleges, and is located <90 miles from Atlanta. Enrollment is about 35,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. The Warnell School is a professional school with 57 faculty, 350 undergraduates, and 180 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 and Wildlife, Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism, and Water and Soil Resources. The School has a 740 acre (300 hectare) forest <10 minutes from campus and 23,000 acres (9,200 hectares) of forestland across the state for teaching and research. A research group from the U.S. Forest Service Southern Research Station (www.srs.fs.usda.gov) is also located on campus.

APPLICATION: To ensure full consideration, candidates must submit a single PDF file including a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching and research interests, unofficial transcripts of all college-level work, copies of up to three recent publications, and contact information for 3 references by April 30, 2014. Individuals selected for our short list will be required to submit official college transcripts and 3 letters of reference. University policy requires all candidates to consent to a background investigation (www.hr.uga.edu). Finalists will be required to provide a signed consent form authorizing the University to conduct a background check. The background investigation will be conducted on a post offer/pre-employment basis. The starting date is negotiable, but August 1, 2014 is preferred. Send applications electronically as a single PDF file to: Dr. Robert Teskey, Chair, Forest Pathology Search Committee, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602; rteskey@uga.edu.

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