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Master of Science in Forestry Research Assistantship

A M.S. research assistantship in natural resource/forestry policy is available in the Department of Forestry at the University of Kentucky. The research topic is flexible but will focus on the public policy aspects of ecosystem service provision from private forestland in the United States. Specific research projects could be focused on evaluating incentive programs to encourage landowners to produce ecosystem services from their forests (i.e. carbon sequestration, biodiversity, or water quality enhancement) or investigating the economic feasibility in providing such services. Other related research projects are also possible.

The stipend is \$14,000 per year, and tuition scholarships will pay the in-state (and out-of-state, if applicable) tuition on behalf of the research assistant. A major medical health insurance policy is provided. The policy's premium is paid by the assistantship on behalf of the research assistant, but the premium for dependents is paid by the assistant. The student is responsible for the University's student health fee and recreation activity fee. The tentative start date is August 2010

Applicants should have a Bachelor's degree in Forestry, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Science, Natural Resource Economics or a closely related field. Even though a background in public policy or social science is not necessary a strong interest in the policy aspects of natural resource conservation is essential. Admission requirements and procedures along with information about the M.S. in Forestry at the University of Kentucky can be found at the following website: <http://www.ca.uky.edu/forestry/gradstud.php>.

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