The University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) (www.uamont.edu/jobs) College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources and the Arkansas Forest Resources Center are seeking applicants for a tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professor position in forest health. The successful candidate will develop a nationally recognized forest health research program and educate the next generation of forest and land managers in the southeastern United States. There are abundant opportunities to build a forest health research and teaching program through the diverse forest ecosystems of Arkansas and ongoing collaborations with College/Center faculty and their extramural partners. Research focus areas within the College/Center include bottomland hardwood ecosystem restoration, upland hardwood forest management, loblolly pine plantation management, and shortleaf pine ecosystem restoration. In addition, the USDA Forest Service has a forest ecology science center located in the College and an experimental forest near Monticello.

The College of Forestry, Agriculture & Natural Resources has undergraduate programs in Natural Resources Management (with options in forestry, wildlife management & conservation, geospatial science, environmental science, and communications), Agriculture (options in Agribusiness, Animal Science, Plant and Soil Science, Site Specific Management, and General Agriculture), and in Land Surveying. The College also offers a M.S. level graduate program with emphasis areas in forest science, geospatial science, wildlife ecology and management, and natural resources management. The Arkansas Forest Resources Center provides resources for research and extension through a partnership with the University of Arkansas System, Division of Agriculture. The Center is headquartered at the University of Arkansas at Monticello campus and has the statewide mission of developing and delivering programs in research and extension that enhance and ensure the sustainability of forest-based natural resources.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will be expected to establish an innovative, dynamic, and nationally-recognized research program in forest health; develop grant proposals and secure funding; and publish in peer-reviewed, nationally-recognized scientific journals. Additional responsibilities include recruiting and mentoring graduate students, advising undergraduate students, and contributing to cooperative research efforts by faculty and other stakeholders in the region. Teaching duties may include undergraduate and graduate courses in forest health and related courses in support of the program. The tenure-track, 12-month position will carry the rank of assistant or associate professor with an approximate appointment of 70% research and 30% teaching.

Qualifications: Applicants should have a Ph.D. in forest health or closely related field. Research interests may be focused in any of the following areas: forest insects and diseases, forest fire, invasive/exotic species, forest disturbance, climate change, forest-environmental interactions, and the influence of forest management on stand/ecosystem health. All candidates should value high-quality teaching, demonstrate an ability or desire to secure research funding, demonstrate collegiality within the workplace, and have an active record of publication. The ability to work collaboratively with other faculty members and representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations is required. Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States, have a valid driver’s license and begin employment no later than January 3, 2024.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications/Excellent fringe benefits.

Application: All application materials (cover letter, vita, transcripts, a 1-page statement of research, a 1-page statement of teaching interests, and a list of 3 references’ emails and contact number) must be uploaded to the University of Arkansas System Career Site https://uasys wd5. myworkdayjobs.com/UASYS/job/UAM--Monticello-Campus/Assistant-Associate-Professor_R0041220. For application questions, contact Rhonda Parris, parris@uamont.edu. For inquiries regarding the position, contact Robert Ficklin, Search Committee Chair: Phone 870-460-1692, Email: Ficklin@uamont.edu.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.

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