



Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design

Graduate Research Assistantship in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry

Position Description: A Graduate Research Assistantship is available for a Ph.D. or M.S. student to study urban tree development and biomechanics, particularly how branch allometry and wood material properties are modified during the transition from juvenile to mature wood. Research will be conducted at West Virginia University, Division of Forestry & Natural Resources, in Morgantown, West Virginia, USA.

Starting Date: Fall 2012 or Spring 2013 semester.

Qualification: B.S. degree in arboriculture, urban forestry, forestry, horticulture or related field. Strong quantitative skill preferred. Additional qualifications include: minimum GPA of 3.0 (A = 4.0) during the last two years of undergraduate studies and completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Program: The Forest Resources Management program at WVU is one of four program areas in the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources. The program offers degrees at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels.

Location: The West Virginia University main campus is located in Morgantown, a small city of 45,000 in the Appalachian Mountains on West Virginia's northern border adjacent to Pennsylvania. Morgantown was rated third in the United States among best metropolitan cities in which to live in The Rating Guide to Life in America's Small Cities, 1997 edition. West Virginia University is the state's major research, doctoral degree granting, land-grant institution. It serves over 28,500 students in 185-degree programs offered by 15 academic schools and colleges.

Contact: Inquiries are welcome. Interested individuals may apply online by submitting (1) letter of interest (2) three letters of recommendations (3) academic transcripts (4) curriculum vitae (5) typed composition indicating purpose and objectives in graduate studies (6) GRE scores (7) TOEFL scores for international applicants. Visit the Division of Forestry's website for more specifics. Please submit inquiries to:

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