

# Opportunities for . . . graduate studies in:



**Forest Biology & Ecology**  
**Natural Resource Economics & Management**  
**Human Dimensions & Resource Policy**  
**Tropical Forestry & Agroforestry**  
**Geospatial, GIS, & Remote Sensing**  
**Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences**

## ***Degrees offered:***

*Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)*

*Master of Science (M.S.)*

*Master of Forest Resources & Conservation (MFRC)*

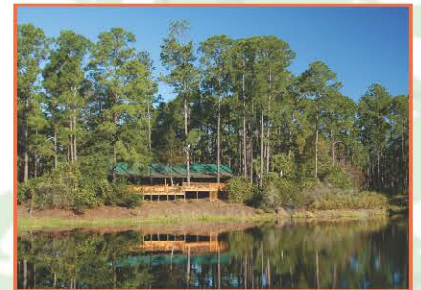
*Master of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (MFAS)*

## ***Why SFRC?***

The SFRC has 54 full-time faculty specializing in areas that include **agroforestry, aquaculture, aquatic animal health, biological process modeling, biometrics, community forestry, ecotourism, fire ecology, forest ecology, forest economics, forest operations, forest pathology, fisheries, genetics, geomatics, GIS, hydrology, marine ecology, natural resource education, remote sensing, silviculture, tropical forestry and urban forestry**. The SFRC is part of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

SFRC faculty are nationally and internationally recognized as leaders in their areas of expertise. They serve as advisors to public and private organizations guiding science and policies in natural resources, and they are frequently recognized with awards for their contributions to research, teaching, and extension.

SFRC programs are located in Gainesville, in several nearby field-specific facilities, as well as in several research and education centers located throughout the state. The SFRC manages the 2,080 acre Austin Cary Memorial Forest, which facilitates a variety of research projects and teaching activities. Excellent collaborative relationships with agencies and organizations throughout the state, region, and abroad provide exceptional opportunities for specific research programs.



## ***Why UF?***

The University of Florida (UF) is the largest university in Florida and the fourth largest in the nation with over 50,000 students and 4,000 faculty operating out of 16 colleges. UF is known as a tier 1 research university and one of only 17 land-grant universities in the nation with invited membership in the American Association of Universities. In addition, UF's research, service and education programs attracted \$574 million in grants in 2008 and was ranked 18th in the nation among public and private research universities according to the MIT Technology Review's "Technological Strength Ranking." UF offers 76 distinct doctorate programs and 123 master's degree programs through its 87 schools and departments.

Located in Gainesville, the University of Florida is situated nearly equidistant from Orlando, Tallahassee, Jacksonville and Tampa. The Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean are a little more than an hour's drive from campus. Gainesville's moderate climate and convenient location encourage year-round activities in both the outdoors and indoors. The area abounds in clear natural springs, attractive lakes, abundant forests and numerous preserves, state and national parks.

**For more information:**  
[www.sfrc.ufl.edu](http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu)

# Graduate Studies in the SFRC

## Degrees

The **Doctor of Philosophy** is an advanced research degree requiring mastery of a field of knowledge and generates original research leading to a significant contribution in a discipline related broadly to forest resources and conservation or fisheries and aquatic sciences. Degree requirements include 90 credit hours past the baccalaureate, oral and written qualifying exams, and preparation of a doctoral dissertation. Normally 30 hours of credit (towards the 90 required) are awarded for an earned MS degree. The PhD can be completed in three to four years.

The **Master of Science** degree is intended for students seeking to further their knowledge through research related to forest resources, geomatics, fisheries and aquatic sciences. Degree requirements include 30 credit hours and preparation of a thesis in one of the disciplinary areas represented by the faculty. The degree can be completed in two years.

The **Master of Forest Resources and Conservation** and **Master of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences** are coursework-based degrees intended primarily for individuals interested in additional professional training and specialization. The degree requirements include 32 hours of graded coursework and a technical paper. The degree can be completed in one to two years.

The School also offers a **joint graduate degree (Juris Doctor)** program with the College of Law, a **co-major Ph.D. with Statistics**, as well an accelerated **Bachelors/Masters degree ("4/1")** program for advanced undergraduate students. For details, contact the Graduate Coordinator.

## Basic admissions requirements:

- a previous college degree (a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from accredited college or university)
- at least 3.0 upper division grade point average: for Ph.D. minimum 3.25 graduate GPA
- satisfactory scores on each of the Verbal and Quantitative portions of the GRE
- satisfactory English language testing and verbal GRE score for non-US and Puerto Rican applicants.

Visit the UF graduate School international applicant website for more information:

<http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/students/international-applicants.html>.

## Steps to Admission:

1. Admission requires agreement by an SFRC faculty person to serve as the major advisor for guidance of the degree program. Prospective students should visit the SFRC website, <http://sfrc.ufl.edu/faculty.html>, to learn about the areas of expertise of the SFRC faculty so that they can directly contact the appropriate faculty. Please send curriculum vitae/resume and cover letter when contacting faculty.
2. If a faculty member agrees to be your advisor, fill out an on-line application at <http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/students/application-and-admission.html>.
3. Send three letters of recommendation, curriculum vitae/resume and a statement of purpose to:  
School of Forest Resources & Conservation Graduate Student Services Office: PO Box 110410, Gainesville, FL 32611  
or submit on-line with the application.
4. Please contact the School for application deadlines.

## Financial Aid and Funding:

- Most graduate students are supported through various assistantships and fellowships funded by research grants, university sources, countries, and corporations. When meeting with potential faculty advisors, prospective students should discuss possibilities for financial aid and funding.
- For information on current UF in-state and out-of-state tuition, visit: <http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/students/tuition.html>.
- For more information on financial aid for graduate students visit: <http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/students/financial-aid.html>.

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