

Graduate Research Opportunity in Forest Ecology

One Ph.D. graduate student is sought to conduct research on hurricane impact on forest ecosystems in the southeast US. The research project will use a retrospective approach to study the dynamics of hurricanes impacted forests, focusing on carbon cycle, forest regeneration, and wildfire implication due to elevated fuel level. National forests affected by major hurricanes between 1989 and 2010 in the southeast US will be sampled in the study.

We are seeking an outstanding candidate with BS and/or MS in Forestry, Biology, Ecology, and Environmental Sciences. A past record of scientific publication and experience in conducting fuel and vegetation sampling in forest ecosystems are desirable. The student will be offered a full graduate research assistantship (\$20,000/year) plus a partial tuition waiver. The assistantship is for 3 years, but needs to be renewed annually subject to satisfactory performance. Competitive university and/or college scholarships are available for outstanding candidates, and students working in our lab have had a great track record to obtain these scholarships. Supplementary teaching assistantship may also be available. The assistantship may start in May 2012, August 2012, or January 2013.

If you are interested, contact: Dr. Geoff Wang, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, 261 Lehotsky Hall, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634-0317 (Phone: 864-656-4864; Email: gwang@clemson.edu). In your initial contact, please send the following information: statement of your research interest, degrees earned, GPAs, GRE score, and TOFEL scores (for foreign students). For information about Clemson University and the Silviculture/Ecology Lab, visit www.clemson.edu and www.clemson.edu/~gwang/

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