

Graduate Fellowship in Forest Restoration Ecology & Management

Graduate fellowships are available for students to pursue a Master of Science degree in the area of forest restoration ecology and management through the Department of Biology at the University of Mississippi. Participating students would have several unique and exciting opportunities, including a summer internship with a successful forest restoration project in British Columbia, Canada; participation in collaborative research on forest restoration and fire ecology in northern Mississippi; coursework in forest restoration ecology, research methods, and professional development; and supported travel to meetings. Each student will choose to work with one or more faculty advisors specializing in particular forest ecological processes and organisms. We especially encourage applications from students interested in population genetics, soil or aquatic microorganisms, forest insects, and/or ecosystem nutrient dynamics, although all areas of interest will be considered. Students will receive stipend support in the amount of \$18,000 per year for two years, through a United States Department of Agriculture graduate training fellowship. Fellowships are only available to U.S. citizens and nationals.

The University of Mississippi is located in Oxford, Mississippi, a small college town in the forested uplands of northern Mississippi known for its outstanding educational and cultural opportunities (see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxford,_Mississippi).

Preferred starting date for the fellowship is January 2009, although applications for a starting date of August 2009 may be considered if positions are still available. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please contact Dr. Jason Hoeksema by e-mail (hoeksema@olemiss.edu). Applications for January 2009 admission will be accepted until October 1, 2008, or until all positions are filled. Applications for August 2009 admission, if positions are available, will be accepted until February 1, 2009. Members of under-represented groups are especially encouraged to apply. The University of Mississippi is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA employer.