Position Title: Assistant Professor, Regular Title Series

Working Title: Assistant Professor, Forest Economics and Policy

Required Education: Ph.D. degree in forest economics (or a related field) with emphasis on economics and policy issues relating to the diverse services provided by forests.

Preferred Education/Experience: At least one forestry degree, including a B.S. or graduate degree from a Society of American Foresters (SAF) accredited program, is preferred. Candidates are sought with a demonstrated expertise and ability to conduct research in the areas of forest economics and policy. Candidates whose research would include topics such as economics of managed forests, market analysis, valuation of ecosystem services, economic impact assessments of forest health threats, and forest policy evaluation are preferred.

Skills/Knowledge/Abilities: Candidates must have strong analytical skills and possess an interest in collaborative research relating to diverse forestry and natural resource issues.

Job Summary:
The Department of Forestry at the University of Kentucky is currently seeking an Assistant Professor of Forest Economics and Policy. This is a 12-month, tenure-track appointment with anticipated starting date on July 1, 2016. Responsibilities include approximately 70% research, and 30% teaching. The successful candidate will be expected to build a nationally recognized research program, as demonstrated by success in acquiring extramural funding, publication in leading refereed journals, and graduate student recruitment and mentorship. The candidate will work in an interdisciplinary environment with researchers in related fields, foster collaborative teaching and research opportunities with departmental faculty, and assist Forestry Extension on economic analysis of the region’s forest industry. Potential teaching responsibilities will include undergraduate courses in forest economics and policy, as well as a graduate course in the candidate’s area of emphasis. Contributions to the interdepartmental undergraduate program in Natural Resources and Environmental Science are expected.

The Department of Forestry is one of fourteen academic departments in the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment. Departmental activities include undergraduate instruction in forestry and natural resources, graduate instruction in forestry, research, and Cooperative Extension Service programs. The Department has a range of forestry and natural resource research emphasis areas including forest health and ecological restoration, forest hydrology and watershed management, landscape and spatial ecology, natural resource policy and economics, silviculture and forest operations, urban ecology, and wildlife ecology and conservation biology. The candidate will have the opportunity to play a significant role within the Forest Health Research and Education Center, www.foresthealthcenter.org, a partnership between the University of Kentucky, USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station, and Kentucky Division of Forestry. The Department has significant off-campus resources available to support its mission including the nationally recognized Wood Utilization Center and Robinson Forest, both located at the Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability in eastern Kentucky. For more information about the Department of Forestry and the University of Kentucky, see www.ca.uky.edu/forestry and www.uky.edu. For information about living in Lexington, see www.lexingtonky.gov.

Applications will be reviewed beginning March 31, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled. Questions about the position should be directed to Dr. John Lhotka, Search Committee Chair, john.lhotka@uky.edu, (859) 257-9701. To apply, please visit the UK Jobs site at https://ukjobs.uky.edu/ and search for requisition #FE00436.

Interested applicants should attach the following documents:
• Letter of application (upload under Cover Letter)
• Curriculum vitae
• Statement of research philosophy (upload under Specific Request 1)
• Statement of teaching philosophy (upload under Specific Request 2)
• Unofficial transcripts

The University of Kentucky is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from minorities and women.