



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA
Warnell School of Forestry
& Natural Resources

Position Announcement
Assistant/Associate Professor and Extension Specialist
Natural Resources Science Communication

POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in natural resources communication. This is a full-time, 9-month position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor, with responsibilities in outreach (60%), teaching (35%), and professional service (5%). The successful candidate is expected to conduct applied research to support outreach and teaching programs. Individuals with expertise in the following areas are encouraged to apply: natural resources science communication, science communication, agricultural education, environmental education, or a closely related natural resources discipline.

For the outreach appointment, the successful candidate will integrate three main functions: (1) instruction and training of extension professionals and undergraduate and graduate students, (2) applied research, and (3) consultation and technical assistance to stakeholders. Instruction and training will include program design, project coordination, instructional materials development, and program evaluations. Applied research should address problems, opportunities, or issues of relevance to the outreach mission of the Warnell School (<https://www.warnelloutreach.org/>), meeting academic and/or professional standards, and leading to a peer-reviewed publication. The successful candidate will build collaborative partnerships with a variety of stakeholders including formal and non-formal educators, private landowners, forest industry, agricultural producers, federal and state agencies, natural resource professionals, and nongovernmental organizations. The candidate will also be expected to establish interdisciplinary collaborations with faculty in the Warnell School and across campus. In particular, the candidate is expected to collaborate with Warnell School faculty in communicating their research outcomes using innovative new media (e.g., via videos, social media, mobile apps, graphics, streaming platforms, and podcasts). The position is based in Athens, Georgia, but requires travel throughout Georgia.

For the teaching appointment, the successful candidate will teach two traditional on-campus courses per year. One course should be in their area of expertise, and the other will preferably focus on stakeholder-based science communication. The candidate will also assist with an undergraduate capstone service-learning course and mentor undergraduate and graduate students.

Professional service includes serving on School/University committees and actively participating in professional/scientific societies.

QUALIFICATIONS: *Required.*—Candidates must possess a Ph.D. degree prior to the starting date with an emphasis on natural resources science communication, science communication, agricultural education, environmental education, or a closely related natural resources discipline. Candidates should demonstrate: (1) strong oral and written communication skills, (2) scholarship through peer-reviewed publications and/or technical publications, (3) commitment and ability to conduct public outreach and teaching, and (4) willingness to work closely with stakeholders from diverse groups and with varied background knowledge of natural resources and environment. *Preferred.*—Demonstrated (1) proficiency in using new media for natural resources science communication; (2) ability to secure extramural funding for outreach and research programs; (3) record of developing,

delivering, and evaluating training programs; (4) ability to teach coursework in science communication and/or natural resource related disciplines; and (5) ability to integrate science and stakeholder values for natural resource decision-making.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Appointment at the Associate Professor level requires a record consistent with promotion to Associate Professor at the Warnell School, including strong evidence of emerging stature as a regional/national authority, securing external funding, ability to produce and communicate research, and excellence in teaching and working with students. Service at the Associate Professor level for 1-2 years is preferred for this rank.

THE UNIVERSITY: The University of Georgia (www.uga.edu) is a top 20 ranked public land/sea/space grant institution comprised of 18 schools and colleges and designated as a Carnegie Very High Research Activity (R1) institution with strong community engagement. Athens is a diverse community of approximately 150,000 people located less than 75 miles from Atlanta. UGA enrolls approximately 41,200 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources is a professional school with world class research, teaching, and outreach programs in natural resources conservation and is committed to inclusive excellence. The Warnell School is comprised of 68 faculty, 100 support staff, 265 undergraduates, and 240 graduate students (www.warnell.uga.edu). The School offers Bachelor of Science, Master of Forest Resources, Master of Natural Resources, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in the areas of Forestry; Fisheries & Wildlife; Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management; and Natural Resource Management & Sustainability. The School manages over 17,000 acres of forestland across the state in support of its teaching, outreach, and research missions.

APPLICATION: To ensure full consideration, please apply by November 17th, 2024. Candidates must submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a statement of extension, teaching, and applied research interests (totaling less than three pages), unofficial transcripts of all college-level work, copies of up to three recent publications, and contact information for three references. Applicants are encouraged to provide a portfolio highlighting their use of innovative communication strategies/tools to convey scientific information to diverse audiences. Individuals selected as finalists will be asked to submit official college transcripts to ofatranscripts@uga.edu. Letters of reference will be solicited by the search chair for finalists prior to interviews. University policy requires all candidates to consent to a background investigation (www.hr.uga.edu). Finalists will be required to provide a signed consent form authorizing the University to conduct a background check (www.hr.uga.edu). The background investigation will be conducted on a post-offer/pre-employment basis. The start date is negotiable but August 1st, 2025 is preferred. All applicants MUST apply online through the University of Georgia Faculty Jobs system (<https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/402539>). No paper applications will be accepted. For additional information, please contact Dr. Yanshu Li, Chair, NRC Search Committee (yanshu.li@uga.edu).

We strongly encourage and welcome applications from women, persons with disabilities, protected veterans, and underrepresented minorities.

The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (hrweb@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.

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