

Assistant Agricultural Research Scientist II Position: Forest Ecologist

Summary of Duties: The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) is seeking a forest ecologist (Assistant Agricultural Scientist II) to establish a nationally recognized research program focused on increasing forest resiliency to climate change. This position will enhance the recognized forest dynamics and management program at CAES. Research areas could include, but are not limited to, the impacts on climate change on forest carbon dynamics and sequestration, resiliency management practices, or other closely related fields. The scientist will have access to greenhouses and research farms, noncompetitive formula funds and startup funding to equip their laboratory, and access to data and field sites from ongoing long-term studies initiated by emeritus faculty. The scientist will form interdisciplinary collaborations with researchers at the CAES and other institutions, seek external funding, and frequently communicate research findings through peer-reviewed publications along with scientific and stakeholder presentations. This is a permanent, full-time, state funded research position with a starting salary of \$83,810/year with competitive medical, dental, and pension benefits.

Required qualifications are a Ph.D. in forestry, ecology, or a closely related discipline, demonstrated research productivity and track record of scholarly publications in peer-reviewed journals, and demonstrated strength in oral and written communications.

Preferred qualifications include potential to acquire and manage external funding, participation in productive collaborations, experience communicating with the natural resource professionals and general public, scientific leadership and service, and commitment to diversity in science.

Application instructions: Candidates should submit the following electronically in a single PDF file: 1) A cover letter summarizing qualifications and briefly stating research interests; 2) a Curriculum Vitae; 3) a statement of future research interests (3 pages max.); 4) contact information for three references along with a concise statement of the individual's relationship to the candidate. The application package should be sent to: Jeffrey S. Ward, Ph.D., Chief Scientist Emeritus, Dept. Environmental Science and Forestry, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Jeffrey.Ward@ct.gov. Review of application materials will begin after August 14, 2022 and continue until the position is filled.

About Us: Founded in 1875, CAES is a state-supported scientific research institution and government agency with 100 scientists, technicians, and staff that support integrated research spanning plant, environmental, and human health at our main campus in New Haven, a 75-acre research farm in nearby Hamden, and at two satellite farm and laboratory facilities. CAES fosters a highly collaborative and collegial research environment and maintains close ties to nearby academic institutions including Yale University, University of Connecticut, USDA Forest Service, Southern Connecticut State University, and state/private landowners.

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