

## **M.S. Assistantship: Hardwood Restoration Project awarded by USDA**

### **College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Arkansas at Monticello**

The College of Forestry, Agriculture & Natural Resources at the University of Arkansas at Monticello is seeking applicants for a M.S. Assistantship available beginning January 4, 2026. The assistantship is half time and carries an annual stipend of \$23,631 plus tuition.

**Project:** A funded M.S. Research Assistantship is available for a highly motivated student with an interest in forest carbon assessment, tree physiology, and sustainable forest management. The selected student will work on a USDA-funded research project focused on quantifying carbon storage and sequestration in hardwood oak systems. Research activities will include measuring and modeling carbon stocks in various tree components, including biomass, foliage, and other carbon pools. The student will also contribute to the development of a hardwood oak carbon credit framework aimed at supporting carbon market participation and climate-resilient forestry initiatives.

**Requirements:** Applicants must have a 2.7 overall undergraduate GPA or 3.0 GPA in the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate courses and satisfactory GRE scores. A B.S. degree in a natural resources-related field is also required. Applicants must have a valid U.S. driver's license or obtain the same within 60 days of starting employment. Overnight travel is required as well as the ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

**Location and Facilities:** The College of Forestry, Agriculture & Natural Resources is located in Monticello, Arkansas in the southeastern portion of the state. The Arkansas Forest Resources Center is also headquartered here, and is administered by the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. The Arkansas Forest Resources Center is the research and extension arm for forest-based programs within the State. The College and Center maintain several state-of-the-art laboratories (hydrology, soil, quantitative analysis, silviculture, wildlife ecology & management) available for graduate research and education. The College also has the Arkansas Center for Forest Business, the Arkansas Forest Health Research Center, and Snowden Waterfowl Center of Excellence subunits are committed to research, education, and outreach associated with forest economics and operations, forest health, and waterfowl and wetlands, respectively.

**Application & Additional Information:** Applicants must submit resumé, unofficial transcripts of all previous college-level coursework, and a letter of intent (2 pages in length) indicating areas of interest, background, and career goals to [CFANR@uamont.edu](mailto:CFANR@uamont.edu). Reference position #2026-003 on all materials. Applicants must apply to the University of Arkansas at <https://www.uamont.edu/application.html> before they can be considered for an assistantship. For submission questions, contact Valerie Harvey at [harvey@uamont.edu](mailto:harvey@uamont.edu). For position information, contact Dr. Nana Tian at [tian@uamont.edu](mailto:tian@uamont.edu) or 870/460-1894.

The position is available until a qualified applicant is selected.  
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