

## M.S. and Ph.D. Assistantships in Forestry at Virginia Tech

Four graduate assistantships are available for the Master of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy degrees in Forestry beginning in August 2011. The graduate programs will be housed within the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation at Virginia Tech. The successful candidates will conduct research in the areas of climate change or biomass/bioenergy. For those candidates interested in climate change, we seek applicants for dendrochronology (under the mentorship of Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver) and remote sensing/modeling (under the mentorship of Dr. Val Thomas). For candidates with a primary focus on biomass/bioenergy, assistantships are available in forest economics (under the mentorship of Dr. Jay Sullivan) and forest operations and business (under the mentorship of Dr. Chad Bolding). The graduate assistantships are funded by a USDA National Needs Fellowship Grant and therefore candidates must be citizens of the United States and either first generation college students (neither parent has a college degree), women, or minorities. Interested candidates with a background in environmental science, forestry, geography, natural resources, wood anatomy or biology are encouraged to apply and candidates with forestry experience from other disciplines are also welcome. The assistantships include stipends (\$18,500/12 month appointment for M.S. students and \$24,500/12 month appointment for Ph.D. students), research and conference travel support, tuition waivers, and a student health insurance subsidy. Candidates should send a brief statement of interest and qualifications to the faculty mentor for the area of interest (email is preferred). Offer of assistantship will be contingent upon acceptance to the Graduate School at Virginia Tech (application information is available at <http://www.grads.vt.edu/index.html>).

### **Climate Change:**

*Dendrochronology* – Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver: [ccopenhe@vt.edu](mailto:ccopenhe@vt.edu)

*Remote Sensing/Modeling* – Dr. Val Thomas: [thomasv@vt.edu](mailto:thomasv@vt.edu)

### **Biomass/Bioenergy:**

*Forest Economics* – Dr. Jay Sullivan: [jsulliv@vt.edu](mailto:jsulliv@vt.edu)

*Forest Operations and Business* – Dr. Chad Bolding: [bolding@vt.edu](mailto:bolding@vt.edu)

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