



**Forest Resources and
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Ph.D. Assistantship in Forest Operations

The Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation at Virginia Tech is searching for a high quality Ph.D.-level graduate student to conduct research regarding forest operations, harvesting system evaluation, biomass feedstock recovery, and environmental impacts. Specifically, the project focuses on advancing forest logging residue harvesting and collection logistics in the Eastern U.S. The funded project involves a collaboration between West Virginia University, Auburn University, the University of Maine, and Virginia Tech. Students should have completed a Master's degree (MS or MF) and have strong backgrounds and interest in applied forestry, field data collection, analysis, and reporting. The position is available beginning Fall Semester 2019. Interested students should contact Dr. Chad Bolding (bolding@vt.edu) for more information. Prior to completing an online application, please email a resume outlining qualifications with a brief statement of interest.

This full-time (20 hours per week) assistantship with stipend (approximately \$24,000/year) includes a waiver of academic-year tuition at a value of approximately \$14,000/year. In addition, Virginia Tech offers enhanced benefits to graduate students on assistantship by providing a partial subsidy for health insurance. Comprehensive and technology fees are the responsibility of the student. Applications must be submitted online to the Virginia Tech Graduate School: <https://graduateschool.vt.edu/admissions/how-to-apply.html>
GRE scores are required.

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