

Graduate Assistantships

Department of Forest and Natural Resources Management

Fall 2008 and Spring 2009

The Department of Forest and Natural Resources Management (FNRM) is expecting to be allocated 12.5 SUNY Graduate Assistantships, one GE&RI Ph.D. Graduate Assistantship, and three Alumni Teaching Fellowships, **subject to funding availability**.¹ These Assistantships and Fellowships (G.S.E.U. represented bargaining units positions) are available to assist in the teaching of FNRM courses and are allocated across the six graduate areas of study. The courses include the following subjects:²

Economics	Natural Resources Policy	Statistics and Measurements
Ecology and Silviculture	Recreation	Water Resources
Management	Soils	

Assistantships and fellowships are awarded for a semester or for the academic year. A full-time assistantship or fellowship requires assisting professors 20 hours per week. Students receiving Fall 2008 assistantships and fellowships are appointed to assist professors from Thursday, August 21, 2008 to Thursday, January 1, 2009. Students receiving Spring 2009 assistantships and fellowships are appointed to assist professors from Friday, January 2, 2009 to Monday, May 11, 2009. These dates are subject to change.

Assistantship and fellowship responsibilities can include attending class and/or labs, tutoring students, keeping office hours, and/or grading. All students awarded assistantships and fellowships must participate in the two-day Graduate Teaching Workshop that is offered by the College before classes begin in late August – unless they have previously attended the workshop.

Application Procedures

To be considered for a **Fall 2008 / Spring 2009** FNRM Graduate Assistantship or Fellowship, you need to submit the attached application form to:

Ms. Tari Pittenger in 320 Bray Hall

By

2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008

Note: Even if you have an assistantship or fellowship for this academic year, you still need to fill out a new application form to be considered for next year.

¹ For example for the 2007-2008 academic year, the College allocated the Faculty of Forest and Natural Resources Management 13.5 SUNY Graduate Assistantships, one GE&RI Ph.D. Graduate Assistantship, and three Alumni Teaching Fellowships per semester. In the 2007 – 2008 academic year, SUNY Graduate Assistantships and the Teaching Fellow Assistantships include a \$5,530 stipend per semester for Master's students (\$6,357.50 per semester for PhD students), in-state tuition scholarship, shared office space, a bookstore discount, and employee health benefits. The GE&RI PhD Graduate Assistantship includes a \$6,534 stipend per semester, in-state tuition scholarship, shared office space, a bookstore discount, and employee health benefits.

² Assistantship and fellowship course allocations are based on enrollment, teaching requirements, and other factors.

Assistantship and Fellowship Award Criteria

FNRM uses the following criteria for awarding assistantships and fellowships:

1. The applicant's ability to do graduate work at ESF, as expressed through on academic achievement and professional promise. Assistantships constitute a form of apprenticeship in forest and natural resources management, as well as provide learning opportunities to the assistant and fellow.
2. The applicant's qualifications to assist professors with courses. Assistants and fellows provide service to the College and enhance program excellence.

Evaluation of Teaching Assistants and Teaching Fellows

All teaching assistants and teaching fellows will be evaluated by the instructor at the end of each semester.

Additional Information

FNRM is aware of the financial hardships that graduate education places on students. We are concerned and will continue to do what we can to provide funding to our students. We do our best to support as many students as possible but we also take into consideration the desire to deliver the best curriculum possible. However, the needs are always greater than the resources available. Thus, a Masters student can receive up to four (4) semesters of either a teaching assistantship or teaching fellow and a Ph.D. student/candidate can receive up to six (6) semesters of either a teaching assistantship or a teaching fellow. We encourage each student to pursue alternative funding opportunities through the College and individual faculty members. Many times the best funding opportunities are those that students develop with their major processor or other faculty seeking talented students to support their funded research studies. To this end, there is no substitute for personal initiative and a strong working relationship with faculty of a student's choice.

Questions

If you have questions about FNRM assistantships or fellowships, please contact:

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Application for FNRM Graduate Assistantship

Name: _____

Semester(s) Requested: _____

Local Address: _____

Summer Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Degree Program: () MF () MPS () MS () PhD

Major Professor(s): _____

FNRM Area of Study: _____

Educational Background (institution and major): _____

Teaching/Work Experience* (when, where, and position): _____

Special Knowledge and Skills in the Following Subjects* (mark subject area and provide details):

Economics: _____

Natural Resources Policy: _____

Ecology and Silviculture: _____

Management: _____

Recreation: _____

Soils: _____

Statistics and Measurements: _____

Water Resources: _____

**Attach Additional Pages if Necessary*