Graduate Assistantships
Department of Forest and Natural Resources Management
Fall 2012 and Spring 2013

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

- 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. Assistantship 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 2012 / Spring 2013 FNRM Graduate Assistantship, you need to submit the attached application form to:

Kim Collins in 320 Bray Hall
By
2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2012

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 Assistantship course allocations are based on enrollment, teaching requirements, and other factors.
Assistantship 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 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
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):
___________________________________________________  ________________________________
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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