



**Research Assistant/Specialist Position Available at the University of Missouri  
School of Natural Resources**

There is an opening for a Research Assistant/Specialist position immediately available at the University of Missouri (MU). The selected candidate will have the opportunity to work as part of a multidisciplinary team of researchers at the MU School of Natural Resources and College of Engineering as part of the project “**Socio-economic and Environmental Implications of Growth in Woody Biomass use for Biopower**” funded by the US National Institute for Food and Agriculture. The main goal of the project is to enhance understanding of the role that woody biomass can play in supplying bioenergy - and biopower specifically. This project will assess environmental and socio-economic impacts and examine trade-offs associated with renewable wood biopower generation. Examination of socio-economic implications from the use of woody biomass for biopower will rely on the use of **Impact Analysis and Planning (IMPLAN)** software to derive direct, indirect and induced effects.

Candidates should hold an M.S. in natural resource economics, or related disciplines. Individuals holding a B.S. with substantial experience in the use and application of **IMPLAN** will be considered too. This position requires strong modeling, analytical, and writing skills. Experience in the implementation of statistical analyses using packages (e.g. R, Stata, SAS or Matlab) is recommended. The candidate needs to have excellent organizational and project management skills and be able to work independently. The candidate is also expected to present at national conferences, write peer-reviewed journal manuscripts, and assist with grant proposals.

Individuals interested in this position should apply for consideration to either **(1)** a 50% full-time Research Assistantship and be simultaneously enrolled in a Ph.D. degree for which the candidate must secure admission with the MU Office of Graduate Studies, or **(2)** a 100% full-time Research Specialist position. The length of the appointment is expected to last three years for a Research Assistantship and two-years if hired as a Research Specialist. A competitive salary commensurate with experience and benefits are offered as part of this position.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled with initial review beginning no later than August 21, 2017. Candidates are encourage to submit:

- A one-page letter (email is satisfactory) describing qualifications and experience
- Curriculum vitae
- Names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three professional references
- A sample of a publication or technical report where the incumbent has demonstrated her/his ability to successfully use IMPLAN

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*MU is an EEO/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.*