

# UNIVERSITY of MISSOURI

## SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### THE CENTER FOR AGROFORESTRY

## JOB POSTING

### Assistant Research Professor

The Center for Agroforestry in The School of Natural Resources, University of Missouri, is accepting applications for an **Assistant Research Professor** position in **Silvopastoral Systems**. This will be a 12-month, benefit eligible, non-tenure track academic appointment. A competitive salary will be commensurate with rank and qualifications. The University of Missouri campus in Columbia has a diverse student body of 35,000 students.

**Starting Date:** June 1, 2018 or as negotiated

**Qualifications:** Ph.D. degree in Animal Science or Forage Sciences, with solid background in both areas. Preference will be given to candidates with two or more years of postdoctoral experience working with grass fed livestock on pastures in temperate zone ecosystems. The ideal candidate should possess a track record of accomplishments demonstrating technical proficiency, independent thinking, and scientific creativity. The successful candidate is expected to publish peer-reviewed articles, present at scientific meetings, take a leadership role in the preparation of grant proposals and provide programmatic support for silvopasture research and outreach. Effective oral and written communications skills are required.

**Responsibilities:** Provide research and outreach leadership to an established and innovative silvopasture program focused on understanding forage-tree-livestock interactions in the temperature-humid zone of the Midwest United States. Existing research projects include multiple location, systems-level experiments where pine or hardwoods, livestock and forages are used to enhance farm profitability in the Midwest. Publication of research findings in peer-reviewed journals and preparation research grants to provide additional program support for silvopasture projects is expected. The Center for Agroforestry has a long history of collaboration between USDA ARS in Booneville, AR, the MU School of Natural Resources, and the MU Divisions of Plant and Animal Sciences and with other teams of scientists across campus and throughout the region. The successful candidate will explore collaborative opportunities to conduct interdisciplinary silvopasture research projects including on-station and on-farm locations. Accessible to the candidate are excellent laboratory and field research facilities (both on- and off- campus research centers) within the Missouri Agricultural Experiment station network. Appointment will be annually renewable contingent upon satisfactory performance and funding. Faculty ranked position eligible for promotion to Research Associate Professor and Research Professor based on outstanding performance over time.



**Application Procedure:** Please apply online via Human Resources <http://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/index.php>. Applicants should submit, a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, names and e-mail addresses of three references. Questions regarding the position should be directed to Dr. Michael Gold, Associate Director, Center for Agroforestry, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211, Email: [goldm@missouri.edu](mailto:goldm@missouri.edu). Screening of applications will begin December 1, 2017 and the position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

**Benefit Eligibility:** This position is eligible for University benefits. The University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, and educational fee discounts. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at <http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits>.

**Equal Employment Opportunity:** The University of Missouri is an equal access, equal opportunity, affirmative action employer that is fully committed to achieving a diverse faculty and staff. For more information, call the Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resource Services/Affirmative Action officer at 573-882-4256.

The University of Missouri is fully committed to achieving the goal of a diverse and inclusive academic community of faculty, staff and students. We seek individuals who are committed to this goal and our core campus values of respect, responsibility, discovery and excellence.

To request ADA accommodations, please call Human Resource Services at 573-882-7976. TTY users, please call through Relay Missouri, 1-800-RELAY (735-2966) or en Español at 1-800-520-7309.

MU makes available to applicants a security report of crimes that occurred on campus over the previous three years. For a copy of this report, contact the University Police Department at (573) 882-5923 or access their web site at: <http://www.mupolice.com/>.

