



## Family Forest Research Center 2019 Graduate Assistantship



There are over 10 million family forest ownerships across the United States and collectively they control 290 million acres, more than any other ownership group. The decisions of these owners will determine the fate of the forests and what ecosystem services will be produced. The Family Forest Research Center ([www.familyforestresearchcenter.org](http://www.familyforestresearchcenter.org)) is a partnership between the USDA Forest Service and the University of Massachusetts Amherst working to increase our understanding of family forest owners and the factors that influence their decisions.

We are seeking applications for a Master's-level graduate research assistantship. The student will gain direct experience in all aspects of research including literature synthesis, data collection, data analysis, and communicating results. Their specific project will be related to the U.S. Forest Service's National Woodland Owner Survey, assessment of the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program, or a similar topic.

**Location:** University of Massachusetts Amherst

**Start Date:** September 3, 2019

### **Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in natural resources, an allied field, or another major that will contribute to this project
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills
- Highly motivated with a passion to learn
- Experience with private landowners is a plus

**Graduate program:** The University of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Conservation (<http://eco.umass.edu>) Graduate Program is nationally and internationally acclaimed among scientists and professionals. The program has a strong sense of community, both socially and scholarly, with a curriculum that focuses on core science, quantitative science, and human dimensions.

**Compensation:** The graduate students at UMass are unionized and the assistantship includes a very competitive stipend, generous health benefits, and a tuition waiver.

**Application Process:** Interested candidates should send a cover letter and curriculum vitae to Brett Butler ([bbutler@eco.umass.edu](mailto:bbutler@eco.umass.edu)). After a candidate is preliminary selected, they will need to formally apply to the UMass Amherst graduate school ([www.umass.edu/gradschool](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool)).

**Timeline:** Applications will begin to be reviewed **February 1** and will continue until the position is filled.

**Questions?** Contact Brett Butler at [bbutler@eco.umass.edu](mailto:bbutler@eco.umass.edu) or (413) 545-1387.