

# PhD Student Graduate Research Assistantship in Forest Science

The interdisciplinary Forest Science PhD Program and the [College of Forest Resources and Environmental Science](#) (CFRES) at Michigan Technological University invite applications for one PhD Student Graduate Research Assistantship in forested systems, broadly defined. Specifically, the assistantship will focus research in principles of strong sustainability, informed by socio-ecological systems (SES) and community engagement approaches, and contribute to the growing scholarship in, and application of, bridging western and Indigenous knowledge systems.

The research assistantship position is contingent on funding from a pending proposal, and includes tuition costs, a monthly stipend, and health care benefits for three (3) years. The graduate program start date is flexible, beginning in fall 2021 or spring 2022.

The ideal candidate is a motivated PhD student with a passion for the environmental sciences and social justice. A Master's of Science degree in ecology or the environmental, natural resource, or forest sciences and/or policy, or closely related field is desirable. In addition, the applicant must meet the requirements for Graduate School admission described [here](#).

Michigan Technological University is centered within the ancestral and contemporary Ojibwa (Chippewa) homelands and ceded-territory (shared lands and waters) established by the [Treaty of 1842](#). It is located within the community of Houghton, Michigan, and lies in the heart of present day Michigan's scenic Keweenaw Peninsula, surrounded by Lake Superior and vast expanses of forest. The Keweenaw is an ideal location for graduate studies as well as enjoying outdoor activities such as biking, backpacking, hiking, camping, fishing, and both alpine and cross-country skiing at Michigan Tech owned properties. For details please visit the Michigan Tech [homepage](#).

Potential candidates from [underrepresented groups in Science, Engineering, and Health](#) fields such as women, ethnic and racial minorities, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and individuals with disabilities, are strongly encouraged to apply. Those with experience working within, among, and/or for a rural, Indigenous, and/or diverse community are also encouraged to apply. The College of Forest Resources and Environmental Science is committed to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and a Sense of Belonging for everyone as part of the Michigan Tech CommUNITY.

To apply for the doctoral research assistantship, please email a statement of interest and your resume/CV by July 15, 2021 to the potential faculty advisor, Valoree S. Gagnon, at [vsgagnon@mtu.edu](mailto:vsgagnon@mtu.edu). Screening of candidates will begin immediately after July 15th and continue until the position is filled. Promising candidates will be asked to submit a graduate school application in full. Please be welcome to contact Professor Gagnon for more information.

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