Postdoctoral Fellow
Fire regime modeling and mapping

In Brief: Post-doc will advance models and understanding of historical to modern era fire regimes across the U.S.

This post-doc will be employed by the University of Missouri and based in the School of Natural Resources and Center for Tree-Ring Science located in Columbia, Missouri. The post-doc will work closely with Dr. Michael Stambaugh, Associate Professor of Forest Ecology, and project partners from the U.S. Forest Service and multiple universities. This research is funded by the Joint Fire Science Program.

Job Duties: A post-doctoral position is available to advance modeling, mapping, and online tool development of historical to modern era fire regimes across the U.S. with particular focus on spatial scales relevant to fire and forest management operations. This position will analyze historical fire event datasets, modern vegetation and fuels datasets, and future climate-fire projections. This work builds on prior efforts of downscaling of the Physical Chemistry Fire Frequency Model (PC2FM) and integrates with work and outputs of ongoing ecohydrological and fire modeling through the Regional Hydro-ecologic Simulation System (RHESSys). Primary duties include fire frequency model development, coordination with project partners, synthesizing information from multiple datasets, and developing manuscripts for publication. This position is expected to work collaboratively in a team, with mentorship responsibility.

Minimum Qualification: Ph.D. in forestry, climatology, geography, or related field by the time of appointment.

Candidates will be evaluated on: Experience in programming, data analysis, model development, statistical analysis of spatial and temporal datasets. Evidence of strong scholarship, including peer-reviewed publications. Demonstrated knowledge of diverse forest ecosystems, fire regimes, and model development; knowledge of fire history datasets; prior experience in web-based tool development; proven ability to finish projects; strong desire to work with stakeholders and as part of a team.

Appointment: Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found, with an ideal start date in summer of 2024. Interviews will occur via Zoom. Initial appointment is for one year.

Application Procedure: Please apply online at https://hr.missouri.edu/job-openings, Job ID 50581 and send: (1) CV, (2) the names and contact information for three professional references, and (3) PDFs of one or more relevant publications to Dr. Michael Stambaugh, Email: stambaughm@missouri.edu

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