



## **Family Forest Graduate Assistantship**

Much of the forestland in the United States is family forest, owned by individuals and families. The decisions these family forest owners make about the management and conservation of their land determines the public benefits that flow from the land now and in the future. The Family Forest Graduate Assistantship will help inform the decisions of family forest owners through work in an integrated outreach and research program.

The assistantship is an effort of the Family Forest Research Center, a partnership of the University of Massachusetts Amherst and the USDA Forest Service ([www.familyforestresearchcenter.org](http://www.familyforestresearchcenter.org)).

**Location:** University of Massachusetts Amherst

**Assistantship Dates:** Fall semester 2014 through Spring semester 2016

**Responsibilities:** The activities of the Family Forest Graduate Assistantship will include:

- Assistance in the organization, delivery, and evaluation of the Massachusetts Keystone Project ([www.MassKeystone.net](http://www.MassKeystone.net)).
- Maintenance, marketing, and monitoring of our outreach website [www.MassWoods.net](http://www.MassWoods.net)
- Assistance in the organization of conservation-based estate planning outreach events and Woods Forum programs (<https://masswoods.net/woods-forum>).
- Implementation of the southern New England stumpage survey (<http://masswoods.net/stumpage-report>)

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in a field that will contribute to the responsibilities of the assistantship
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills
- Highly motivated to work with family forest owners
- Experience in community organizing or the conservation field a plus

**Compensation:** This is a 20-hour a week paid assistantship which includes health benefits and a tuition waiver.

**Application Process:**

Candidates must apply to the UMass Amherst graduate school, more information can be found at: <http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/>.

Those interested in applying for the assistantship are encouraged to contact Paul Catanzaro, Extension Assistant Professor, [cat@umext.umass.edu](mailto:cat@umext.umass.edu), (413) 545-4839 if there are any questions regarding the assistantship.

**Timeline:** Applications will begin to be reviewed **February 28<sup>th</sup>** and will continue until the position is filled.