



## Henry W. Saunders Graduate Research Assistantship in Hardwood Ecology & Silviculture



The **Henry W. Saunders Chair** and **Cooperative Forestry Research Unit (CFRU)** are seeking a highly-qualified Ph.D. or M.S. student to develop a research project and expertise in the area of hardwood ecology and silviculture. The CFRU is one of the oldest forest landowner / university cooperatives in the United States and conducts applied scientific research to advance forestry practices in Maine (see [www.umaine.edu/cfru](http://www.umaine.edu/cfru) for more information).

**Responsibilities:** The student will be expected to work closely with the Henry W. Saunders Chair and member organizations of the CFRU to develop a research project directed at advancing understanding about the ecology and management of American beech in Maine's forest. Graduate work will be done in the University of Maine's School of Forest Resources.

**Qualifications:** A B.S. or M.S. degree in forest ecology, forestry, silviculture, or closely related field. The ideal candidate will have a degree in one of the above fields, experience with forestry and/or hardwood silviculture, a strong work ethic, a high level of intellectual curiosity, a record of leadership, and a proven ability to work independently.

**Assistantship:** The 20 hour/week research assistantship includes a stipend (\$14,000 - 16,000/yr depending upon qualifications), a full tuition waiver (~\$4,800/yr), and health insurance. Operating funds also are available to support this position.

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